

Annual Reports
OF THE
Town Officers
OF THE
TOWN of DOUGLAS



For the Year Ending
December 31, 1939



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JURY LIST FOR THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS FOR THE YEAR 1940

Allega, Ernest P. Anderson, Gosta N. Bigos, Walter S. Brouwer, George Blanchard, Lloyd Bruno, Edmund H. Budzyrna, Walter J. Cabana, Frederick Carpenter, Erwin Carpenter, W. Lincoln Cerulle, Vincent Chase, Jesse E. Conrad, George Cooney, Frank X. Converse, Ralph E. Crosier, George D. Dansereau, Albert J. Decoteau, Raymond O. Dermody, Lester J. Dix, Albert Dixson, Norval A. Donaldson, Carl I. Doyon, Frederick J. Dufault, Albert N. Dunleavy, William J. Elliot, William J. Fairfield, Walter B. Fortier, Eldrick Frost, Alfred J. Fulone, James Harris, Moses M. Hanley, James Hindon, Henry N. Hughes, Edward Hvizdos, Andrew J. Johnson, Roy Johnston, Harry	Store Manager Spinner Weaver Electrician Dentist Spinner Draftsman Weaver Ass't Postmaster Telephone Employee Plasterer Farmer Caretaker-Cemetery Store Clerk Store Clerk Office Manager Janitor Store Keeper Funeral Director Bookkeeper Carpenter Loom Fixer Retired Ass't Foreman Ass't Service Man Mill Operative Mill Operative Spinner Store Owner Painter Retired Clerk Lumberman Chauffeur Store Manager Insurance Agent Labor Foreman
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Kelly, John J.	Retired
Kivlan, William	Painter
Klisiewicz, Frank E.	Dresser
Kosiar, Stephen F.	Shear Tender
Lacourse, Leo R.	Barber
Larson, Hartwick T.	Loom Fixer
LaPlante, Joseph	Spinner
Lunn, Walter	Mill Operative
MacDonald, Robert E.	Wood Pattern Maker
Marsh, Lucius J., Jr.	Assessor
Metcalf, Arthur L.	Carder
Mooney, William A.	Finisher
McCann, Earl	Highway
McMahon, Kenneth	Chauffeur
Olson, Carl H.	Spinner
Parker, Howell W.	Farmer
Piepszak, Felix	Shear Tender
Pine, Walter E.	Overseer
Putnam, Stanton D.	Store Manager
Rawson, Arthur E.	Farmer
Schellschmidt, Gustave	Retired
Sheldrick, William C.	Painter
Simmons, Agalon B.	Retired
Thomas, Henry	Draftsman
Travaille, Jasper J.	Mill Operative
Wallis, Chester A.	Carpenter
Wellman, Chester E.	Retired
Wasink, John F.	Clerk
Zemianek, Paul	Percher
Zonfrillo, Marine S.	Ass't Manager

Given under our hands this 31st day of December 1939 A. D.

WINFIELD A. SCHUSTER,
PAUL D. MANNING,
FRANK E. JONES,

Selectmen of Douglas.

TOWN OFFICERS 1939

Moderator

FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1940

Town Clerk

JOSEPH S. VIROSTEK, 1940

Treasurer

RICHARD H. ALDRICH, 1940

Town Counsel

FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1940

Selectmen

WINFIELD A. SCHUSTER, 1942, Chairman

FRANK E. JONES, 1940, Clerk

PAUL D. MANNING, 1941

Assessors

FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1940, Chairman

IRVING FISHER, 1941

LUCIUS J. MARSH, Jr., 1942, Clerk

Members Board Public Welfare

FRANK X. RINFRETTE, 1941, Chairman

W. LINCOLN CARPENTER, 1942

MARINE ZONFRILLO, 1940

VERA H. WARNER, Clerk

School Committee

*LILIAN G. CARPENTER, 1942, Clerk

WARREN JOHNSON, 1942

BAYLIS G. ALDRICH, 1940, Chairman

MARGARET S. CARRICK, 1940

ANDREW J. CENCAK, 1941

LOUIS A. CALLAHAN, 1941

Tree Warden

JAMES FULONE, 1940

Superintendent of Highways

EARL BALLOU, 1940

Agent Moses Wallis Devise

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, 1940

*Deceased

Cemetery Commissioners

FRANK E. COPP, 1941 HAROLD BUXTON, 1940
 HOWELL W. PARKER, 1942

Town Accountant

JOSEPH S. VIROSTEK, 1940

Board of Registrars

FRANK L. CORRELL, Chairman, 1942
 MOSES DEBLOIS, 1940 JOHN E. DUNLEAVY, 1941
 JOSEPH S. VIROSTEK, Clerk, 1939

Trustees of Public Library

FRANK L. CORRELL, 1942
 STEPHEN L. HREUSIK, 1940 K. HELENA WIXTEAD, 1941
 Life Members—Trustees of Simon Fairfield Public Library
 LENA M. SCHUSTER WALTER B. FAIRFIELD
 FRANK E. JONES FERDINAND J. LIBBY

Chief of Police

KARLE T. HOWE, 1940

Chief of Fire Department

CHARLES A. ANDERSON, 1940

Superintendent of Schools

A. B. GARCELON

Superintendent of Water Works

HERBERT E. HUGHES, 1940

Water Commissioners

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, 1940, Chairman FELIX S. VECCHIONE
 WILLIAM J. WALLIS, 1941

Board of Health

SELECTMEN

WILLIAM J. DUNLEAVY RAYMOND H. SPOONER, M. D.

Sealer of Measures and Weights

FRANK L. CORRELL, 1940

Collector of Taxes
FLOYD S. RAWSON, 1940

Moth Superintendent
JAMES FULONE, 1940

Forest Warden
HENRY PETERS, 1940

Dog Officer
HERBERT E. HUGHES, 1940

Fence Viewers
FRANK L. CORRELL, 1940
FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1940 WALTER H. PARKER, 1940

Bridge Viewer
EARL BALLOU, 1940

Inspector of Animals
ROY KENYON, 1940

Inspector of Slaughtering
HARRY A. DOWNS, 1940

Measurers of Lumber
WILLIAM J. WALLIS HENRY HINDON
WALTER H. PARKER CHARLES CHURCH

Weighers of Coal
FRANK E. JONES A. JOHN FROST
LEON T. SOCHIA

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Appropriations estimated necessary for fiscal year ending December 31, 1940.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen's Salary	\$ 100.00
Selectmen's Expense	100.00
Town Accountant's Salary	600.00
Town Treasurer's Salary	300.00
Town Treasurer's Expense	200.00
Tax Collector's Salary	600.00
Tax Collector's Expense	200.00
Town Clerk's Salary	300.00
Town Clerk's Expense	100.00
Assessor's Salaries	500.00
Assessor's Expense	50.00
Town Counsel	300.00
Registrar's Salaries	60.00
Registrars' Expense	225.00
Election Expense	350.00
Moderator	15.00
New Town Hall Maintenance	1,100.00
Old Town Hall Maintenance	50.00
Town Officer's Bonds	250.00
	\$ 5,400.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department	4,750.00
Police—Town Hall Duty	200.00
Fire Department	725.00
Fire Hose	150.00
Sealer	50.00
Tree Warden and Moths	500.00
Forest Fires	300.00
Dog Officer	25.00
Insurance	1,050.00
	\$ 7,750.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health Department Salaries	50.00	
Health Department Expense	500.00	
Meat Inspector	75.00	
Animal Inspector	150.00	
Vital Statistics	15.00	
		\$ 790.00

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81	5,250.00	
Chapter 90 Const. (Davis St.)	500.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	750.00	
General Highways Insurance	100.00	
Chapter 90 Insurance	200.00	
Bridges	400.00	
Special Highways	50.00	
Railings	300.00	
Snow Roads	2,000.00	
Street Lighting	2,300.00	
Care of Public Squares	25.00	
		\$ 11,875.00

CHARITIES AND SOLDIER'S BENEFITS

Welfare Salaries	500.00	
Welfare Relief Expense	10,500.00	
O. A. A. Clerk	300.00	
Welfare Clerk	500.00	
A. D. C. Clerk	200.00	
O. A. A. Expense	7,500.00	
A. D. C. Expense	2,000.00	
State Aid	120.00	
Soldiers Relief	100.00	
		\$ 21,720.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Committee Salaries	200.00	
School Expense	39,000.00	
Industrial Schools	400.00	
Library	1,000.00	
		\$ 40,600.00

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

W. P. A. Materials	2,000.00	
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American Legion Hall and Boy Scouts Hall	100.00	
Memorial Day	150.00	
Care of Town Clock	30.00	
Printing Town Reports and 1940 Tax List.....	350.00	
		\$ 2,630.00

ENTERPRISE AND CEMETERIES

Water Commissioner's Salaries	100.00	
Water Department Expense	3,500.00	
Cemetery	100.00	
		\$ 3,700.00

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest	200.00	
Debt	1,000.00	
		\$ 1,200.00

RESERVE FUND

Reserve Fund	2,500.00	
\$400.00 from Water Department surplus		
1,300.00 from Overlay Reserve		
800.00 from 1940 Tax Levy		
		\$ 2,500.00
To settle Law Suit against the Town including		
Counsel Fees	1,300.00	
		\$ 1,300.00

TRANSFERS RECOMMENDED

Machinery Rentals to Machinery Fund	600.00	
W. C. Insurance Acct. to Gen. Highways Ins.....	100.00	
		\$100,165.00

Finance Committee,

WINFIELD A. SCHUSTER, 1942
 FRANK E. JONES, 1940
 PAUL D. MANNING, 1941
 GILBERT W. ROWLEY, 1942
 FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1942
 FRANK X. RINFRETTE, 1940
 LESTER J. DERMODY, 1940
 BAYLIS G. ALDRICH, 1941
 WILLIAM J. WALLIS, 1941

TAX RATES IN THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS

1931	30.70	1935	32.00
1932	32.50	1936	32.00
1933	31.50	1937	35.00
1934	33.00	1938	37.00
		1939	37.00

Town of Douglas

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:			
In Banks and Office.....	\$ 1,245.20	Temporary Loans:	
		In Anticipation of Reimbursement.....	\$ 10,500.00
Accounts Receivable:		Mowry Trust Fund Income	1,761.92
Taxes:		Cemetery Trust Funds Income	18.63
Levy of 1938	\$ 3,686.95	Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund....	74.50
Levy of 1939	19,918.96	Tailings	26.30
		Machinery Fund	620.91
		Compensation Insurance	104.47
		Water Available Surplus	496.22
		Federal Grants:	
		Old Age Assistance:	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Administration	2.56
Levy of 1939	56.46	Assistance	612.36
Tax Titles	1,325.71	Aid to Dependent Children:	
Tax Title Possessions	228.04	Administration	43.74
		Assistance	65.98
		Appropriation Balances:	
		W. P. A. Materials	658.80
Departmental:		Overestimates 1939:	
Town Hall	383.80	State Parks and Reservations Assessment..	12.75
Health	140.00	Veterans' Exemption Assessment	.38
Temporary Aid	2,912.47	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	1,306.46
Aid to Dependent Children	318.93		
Old Age Assistance	180.00	Overlays Reserved for Abate-ments:	
State Aid	90.00	Levy of 1938	\$ 2,002.06
School	37.50	Levy of 1939	1,043.49
			3,045.55

Water Rates	564.23	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Aid to Highways:		Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	56.46
State, Chapter 81	433.77	Tax Title	1,553.75
State, Chapter 90	175.34	Departmental	4,062.70
County, Chapter 90	175.34	Water	564.23
			6,237.14
			6,284.03
		Surplus Revenue	\$ 31,872.70
			\$ 31,872.70

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$ 3,000.00	Town Hall Loan	\$ 3,000.00
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds; Cash and Securities:		In Custody of Treasurer:	
In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$ 28,046.15	Myron O. Mowry School Fund	\$ 24,487.31
In Custody of Library Trustees	13,033.56	Adeline Pierce Sanborn Library Fund	166.85
In Custody of Agent	28,575.99	Care of Graves—G. A. R. Veterans' Fund	804.59
		Mary South Cemetery Fund	238.73
		Monument Fund—Sons of Veterans	105.41
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds.....	2,243.26
			\$ 28,046.15
		In Custody of Library Trustees:	
		Simon Fairfield Library Fund	13,033.56
		In Custody of Agent:	
		Devise of Moses Wallis	28,575.99
			\$ 69,655.70

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Selectmen of the Town of Douglas:

Following is my report as Town Treasurer of the Town of Douglas as recommended by the Division of Accounts, Department of Corporations and Taxation, as called for by Section 44, General Laws, for the fiscal year 1939.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1939	\$ 3,746.71	
Receipts	187,312.68	
		\$191,059.39
Payments, per warrants	189,814.19	
Balance December 31, 1939	1,245.20	
		\$191,059.39
Balance January 1, 1940	1,245.20	
Receipts January 1 to 2, 1940	1,390.58	
		\$ 2,635.78
Balance January 2, 1940:		
Blackstone National Bank of Uxbridge, per check book	1,504.36	
The First National Bank of Boston, per check book and statement	831.09	
The Merchants National Bank of Boston, per check book and statement	300.33	
		\$ 2,635.78

BLACKSTONE NATIONAL BANK OF UXBRIDGE

Balance January 2, 1940, per statement.....	\$ 4,675.46	
Check paid in excess of warrant	.08	
		\$ 4,675.54
Balance January 2, 1940, per check book.....	1,504.36	
Outstanding checks January 2, 1940, per list....	3,171.18	
		\$ 4,675.54

MYRON O. MOWRY SCHOOL FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Cash	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1939		\$ 1,273.81	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 24,273.81
On hand at end of year 1939	\$ 4,213.50	1,273.81	19,000.00	24,487.31
Receipts			Payments	
	1939			
Securities sold	\$ 4,000.00	Transfer to town		\$ 940.00
Income	940.00	Cash on hand		
Premium on securities sold	184.00	December 31, 1939		4,213.50
Accrued interest on securities sold	29.50			
	\$ 5,153.50			\$ 5,153.50

ADELINE PIERCE SANBORN LIBRARY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1939.....	\$ 166.85	\$ 166.85
On hand at end of year 1939	166.85	166.85
Receipts	Payments	
	1939	
	No transactions recorded	

CARE OF GRAVES OF G. A. R. VETERANS FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$ 834.16	\$ 834.16
On hand at end of year 1939	804.59	804.59
Receipts	Payments	
	1939	
Withdrawn from savings deposits	\$29.57	Transfer to town \$40.00
Income	10.43	
	\$40.00	\$40.00

MARY SOUTH CEMETERY LOTS FUND
In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$ 240.73	\$ 240.73
On hand at end of year 1939	238.73	238.73

Receipts	1939	Payments	
Withdrawn from savings deposits	\$2.00	Transfer to town	\$5.00
Income	3.00		
	\$5.00		\$5.00

MONUMENT FUND—SONS OF VETERANS' POST NO. 123
In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$ 105.41	\$ 105.41
On hand at end of year 1939	105.41	105.41

Receipts	Payments
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1939
No transactions recorded

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS
In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$ 2,274.90	\$ 2,274.90
On hand at end of year 1939	2,243.26	2,243.26

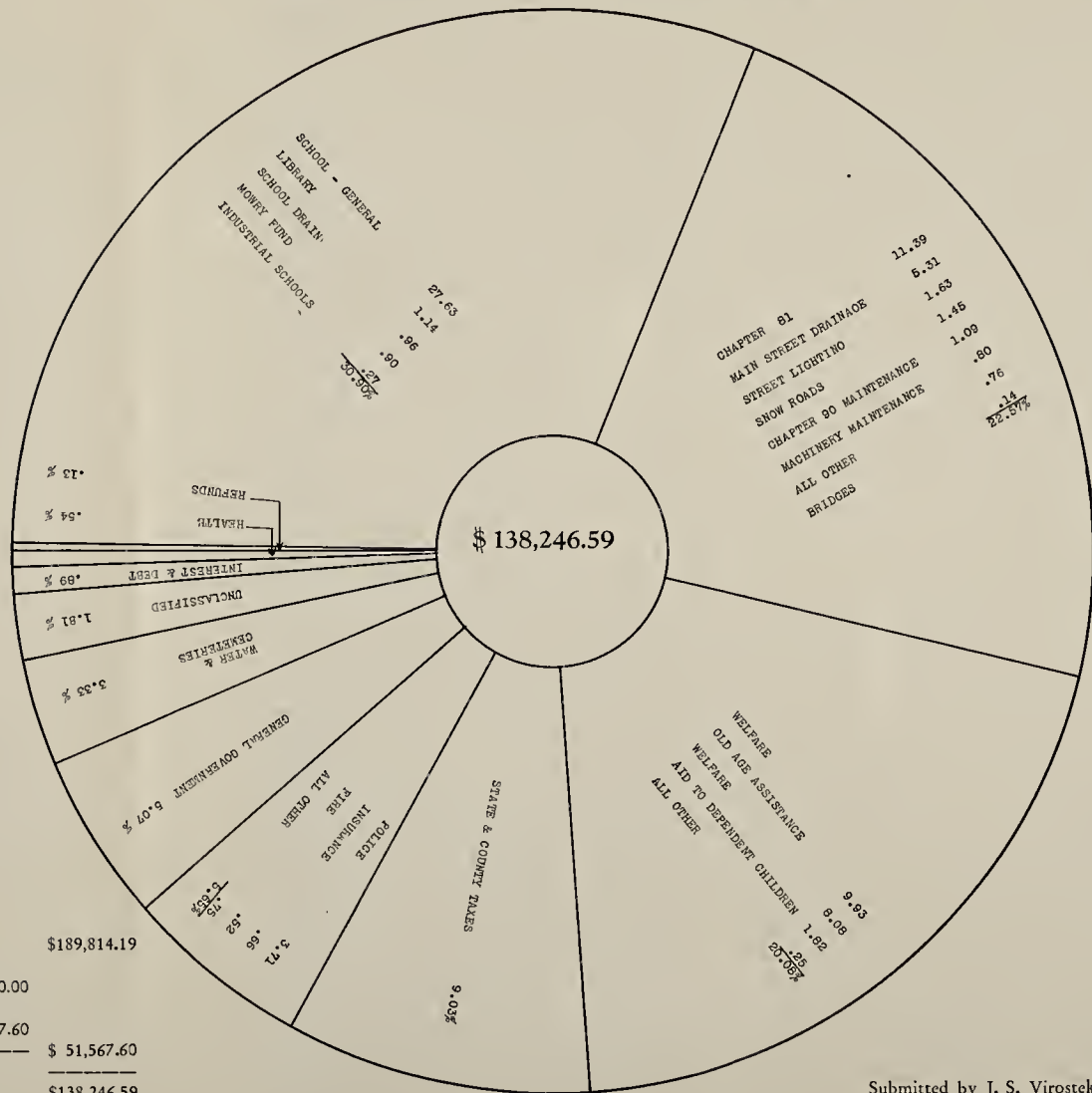
Receipts	1939	Payments	
Withdrawn from savings deposits	\$31.64	Transfer to town	\$60.00
Income	28.36		
	\$60.00		\$60.00

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

TOWN OF DOUGLAS

	Balance January 1, 1939	Appropriations 1939	Income	Transferred from	Total	Expended	Transferred To	Overdrawn	Unexpended
Selectmen's Salaries		100.00			100.00	100.00			
Selectmen's Expense		100.00	490.00	Reserve Fund	590.00	548.57			41.43
Accountant's Salary		600.00			600.00	600.00			
Town Clerk's Salary		300.00			300.00	300.00			
Town Clerk's Expense		100.00			100.00	97.84			2.16
Treasurer's Salary		300.00			300.00	300.00			
Treasurer's Expense			70.80	Reserve Fund					
Tax Collector's Salary		150.00	2.00	Surplus Revenue	222.80	222.80			
Tax Collector's Expense		550.00	12.50	Reserve Fund	562.50	562.50			
Assessor's Salaries		150.00	114.38	Reserve Fund	264.38	264.38			
Assessor's Expense		500.00			500.00	410.20			89.80
Town Counsel Salary		50.00			50.00	49.87			.13
Registrar's Salary		300.00			300.00	300.00			
Registrar's Expense		60.00			60.00	60.00			
Election Expense		200.00	18.17	Reserve Fund	218.17	218.17			
Moderator		75.00	3.10	Reserve Fund	78.10	78.10			
		15.00			15.00	15.00			
New Town Hall Maintenance		800.00	750.00	Moses Wallis Devise					
Old Town Hall Maintenance		50.00		Reserve Fund	2,623.56	2,614.02			9.54
Town Officers' Bonds		250.00			50.00	46.17			3.83
Police Department		4,500.00	145.75	Reserve Fund	250.00	230.50			19.50
Police—Town Hall		200.00			4,645.75	4,645.73			.02
Fire Department		700.00	25.00	Reserve Fund	200.00	188.65			11.35
Sealer		50.00			725.00	722.57			2.43
Tree Warden and Moths		400.00			50.00	50.00			
Forest Fires		300.00	261.19	Reserve Funds	400.00	397.93			2.07
Dog Officer		25.00			561.19	561.19			
Insurance		800.00	115.62	Reserve Funds	25.00	25.00			
Health, Salaries		50.00			915.62	915.62			
Health, Expense		625.00			50.00	50.00			
Meat Inspector		75.00			625.00	464.11			160.89
Animal Inspector		150.00			75.00	75.00			
Vital Statistics		15.00			150.00	150.00			
Highways, Chapter 81		5,250.00	10,500.00	State Allotment	15.00	9.00			6.00
Monument Square		54.00			15,750.00	15,749.78			.22
Town Dump, North St.		120.00			54.00	53.97			.03
Town Dump, Douglas		300.00			120.00	120.00			
Highways, Chapter 90 Maint.		500.00	649.32	State & County Allot.	300.00	300.00			
Insurance, Highways		200.00			1,149.32	1,499.99		350.67	
Machinery Maintenance Fund		400.00	702.08	Machinery Rentals	200.00	200.00			
Chapter 90, Insurance		200.00			1,102.08	1,102.08			
Bridges		200.00			200.00	200.00			
General Highways, Special. .		50.00			200.00	199.49			51
			3 275.85	1938 Ch. 90 Balance	50.00	49.39			.61
Chapter 90, Main St. Drainage		4,000.00	62.99	Reserve Fund	7,338.84	7,338.84			
Railings		100.00			100.00	99.73			.27
Snow Roads		2,000.00			2,000.00	1,999.96			.04
Street Lighting		2,250.00			2,250.00	2,250.00			
Care of Watering Trough ..		5.00			5.00	5.00			
Care of Public Squares		25.00			25.00	25.00			
Welfare Salaries		450.00			450.00	450.00			
Welfare Relief		12,400.00			12,400.00	10,429.23	1,350.00	To School Drain	620.77
Old Age Assistance, Clerk. .		500.00			500.00	499.98			.02
Welfare Clerk		300.00			300.00	291.67			8.33
A. D. C. Clerk		200.00			200.00	133.34			66.66
Old Age Assistance		7,500.00			7,500.00	7,273.03			226.97
Aid to Dependent Children. .		2,000.00			2,000.00	1,982.80			17.20
Federal Grant, A. D. C.	67.25		332.23	Federal Grant	399.48	333.50			65.98
Federal Grant, O. A. A. Adm.	42.85		208.02	Federal Grant	250.87	248.31			2.56
Federal Grant, A. D. C. Adm.			115.40	Federal Grant	115.40	71.66			43.74
Federal Grant, O. A. A. Relief	9.86		6 297.57	Federal Grant	6,307.36	5,695.00			612.36
State Aid			90.00	Reserve Fund		90.00			
Soldiers' Relief		100.00			100.00	55.00			45.00
School Committee Salary		200.00			200.00	200.00			
School Department Expense. .		38,000.00			38,000.00	37,999.91			.09
Industrial Schools		400.00			400.00	366.68			33.32
School Sewer Drain		1,350.00		Welfare	1,350.00	1,331.84			18.16
			448.81	Dog Fund					
Library		1,000.00	126.17	Reserve Fund	1,574.98	1,574.98			
W. P. A. Project	670.96	2,000.00			2,670.96	2,012.16			658.80
American Legion Hall		100.00			100.00	100.00			
Memorial Day		150.00	5.45	Reserve Fund	155.45	155.45			
Care of Town Clock		30.00			30.00	30.00			
Printing Town Reports		200.00			200.00	200.00			
Water Department Salary		100.00			100.00	100.00			
Water Department Expense. .		3,200.00	1 116.20	Water Surplus	4,316.20	4,315.77			.43
Cemetery		100.00			100.00	85.84			14.16
Debt		1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00			
Interest		350.00			350.00	233.70			116.30
			1,600.00	Water Surplus					
Reserve Fund		500.00	400.00	Overlap Reserve	2 500.00		2 491.12	To Various Acc'ts	8.88
Cemetery Perpet. Care Fund	9.13		105.00	Trust Funds	114.13	95.50			18.63
Mvron O. Mowry Fund.									
Income Acc't	2 072.17		940.00	Mowry Fund	3 012.17	1,250.25			1,761.92
	2,872.22	98,974.00	31,407.09		133 253.31	125,071.75	3,841.12	350.67	4 691.11

"WHEEL" OF THE TOWN'S SPENDING FOR 1939



Total Payments by Treasurer	\$189,814.19
Less:	
Temporary Loans	\$51,000.00
Dog Tax—	
Paid to County Treasurer	567.60
Departmental Expenditures	\$ 51,567.60
	\$138,246.59

Submitted by J. S. Virostek.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

PAYMENTS 1939

General Government:

Selectmen's Salaries	\$ 100.00
Selectmen's Expense	548.57
Town Accountant's Salary	600.00
Town Clerk's Salary	300.00
Town Clerk's Expense	97.84
Town Treasurer's Salary	300.00
Town Treasurer's Expense	222.80
Tax Collector's Salary	562.50
Tax Collector's Expense	264.38
Assessor's Salary	410.20
Assessor's Expense	49.87
Town Counsel's Salary	300.00
Registrar's Salary	60.00
Registrar's Expense	218.17
Election Expense	78.10
Moderator	15.00
New Town Hall Maintenance	2,614.02
Old Town Hall Maintenance	46.17
Town Officers' Bonds	230.50
	\$ 7,018.12

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police	4,645.73
Police—Town Hall Duty	188.65
Police Cruiser	300.00
Fire Department	722.57
Sealer	50.00
Tree Warden and Moths	397.93
Forest Fires	561.19
Dog Officer	25.00
Insurance	915.62
	\$ 7,806.69

Health and Sanitation:

Salaries of Health Agents	50.00
Health Expense	464.11
Meat Inspector Salary	75.00

Animal Inspector	150.00	
Vital Statistics	9.00	
		\$ 748.11

Highways:

Chapter 81, Highways	15,749.78	
Monument Square	53.97	
Town Dump, North Street	120.00	
Town Dump, Douglas Center	300.00	
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,499.99	
Highways Insurance	200.00	
Machinery Maintenance Fund	1,102.08	
Chapter 90, Insurance	200.00	
Bridges	199.49	
Special Highways	49.39	
Chapter 90, Main St. Drainage	7,338.84	
Railings	99.73	
Snow Roads	1,999.96	
Street Lighting	2,250.00	
Care of Watering Trough	5.00	
Care of Public Squares	25.00	
		\$ 31,193.23

Charities and Soldiers' Benefits:

Welfare Salaries	450.00	
Welfare Expense	10,429.23	
O. A. A. Clerk	499.98	
Welfare Clerk	291.67	
A. D. C. Clerk	133.34	
Old Age Assistance	7,273.03	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,982.80	
Federal Grant, A. D. C.	333.50	
Federal Grant, O. A. A. Adm.	248.31	
Federal Grant, A. D. C. Adm.	71.66	
Federal Grant, O. A. A. Relief	5,695.00	
State Aid	90.00	
Welfare 1938	199.00	
Soldiers' Relief	55.00	
		\$ 27,752.52

Schools and Libraries:

School Committee Salary	200.00
School Expense	37,999.91

Industrial Schools	366.68	
School Sewer Drain	1,331.84	
Library	1,574.98	
		\$ 41,473.41

Recreation and Unclassified:

W. P. A. Materials	2,012.16	
American Legion Hall	100.00	
Memorial Day	155.45	
Care of Town Clock	30.00	
Printing Town Reports	200.00	
		\$ 2,497.61

Enterprises and Cemetery:

Water Commissioner's Salary	100.00	
Water Department Expense	4,315.77	
Cemetery—Douglas Center	85.84	
		\$ 4,501.61

Interest and Maturing Debt:

Debt—Town Hall Bond	1,000.00	
Interest	233.70	
		\$ 1,233.70

Temporary Loans

51,000.00

\$ 51,000.00

Refunds:

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	186.53	
Real Estate Taxes	1.85	
Refund of 1938 Taxes	1.69	
		\$ 190.07

Agency, Trust and Investment:

Town Clerk, Dog Licenses, County	567.60	
Myron O. Mowry Fund Income	1,250.25	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund—Income.....	95.50	
		\$ 1,913.35

State and County Taxes:

State Tax	6,120.00	
State Audit	248.14	

State Parks and Reservations	110.69
State Veteran's Exemption	13.44
County Tax	3,403.95
County T. B. Hospital	2,589.55
	\$ 12,485.77
Total Expenditures	\$189,814.19

RECEIPTS

1939

General Revenue:

Taxes:

1939 Poll	\$ 1,482.00
1939 Real Estate	33,093.22
1939 Personal	5,168.51
1938 Real Estate	5,802.11
1937 Real Estate	2,925.57
	\$ 48,471.41

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax:

Levy of 1939	4,160.20
Levy of 1938	120.00
	\$ 4,280.20

From State:

Mass. School Fund	4,487.76
Income Tax Part I Ch. 70 Schools	5,820.00
Income Tax Part II Ch. 70 Valuation	3,230.00
Corporation Taxes	12,605.09
Ch. 232 Highway Refund	6,388.25
Business Tax	413.86
	\$ 32,944.96

Licenses:

Liquor Licenses	910.33
Pool—Bowling Licenses	55.00
Milk	11.00
Junk	30.00
All Other	71.00
	\$ 1,077.33

Fines:

Court	250.00	
Library	104.63	
		\$ 354.63

Grants and Gifts:

Aid to Industrial Schools	190.17	
Union Superintendent	769.59	
Loss of Taxes	334.48	
		\$ 1,294.24

Federal Grants:

Old Age Assistance	6,297.50	
O. A. A. Administration	208.02	
Aid to Dependent Children	332.23	
A. D. C. Administration	115.40	
		\$ 6,953.15

From County:

Dog License Refund	448.81	
Reimbursement of Medical Expense	67.43	
		\$ 516.24

Departmental Collections:

General Government:

Town Hall Rentals	943.00	
Old Town Hall Rentals	93.00	
		\$ 1,036.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police—Insurance Reimbursement	24.50	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	13.77	
Forest Fires	16.50	
		\$ 54.77

Health and Sanitation:

Health—State	328.57	
Animal Inspector	75.00	
		\$ 403.57

Highways:

State, Ch. 81, Contract 3135	1,437.90
State, Ch. 81, Contract 3311	10,066.23
State, Ch. 90, Contract 6799	2,362.08
State, Ch. 90, Contract 7090	1,637.92
State, Ch. 90, Maint., Contract 6506	319.77
State, Ch. 90, Maint., Contract 7069	324.66
County, Ch. 90, Maint., Contract 6506	319.77
County, Ch. 90, Maint., Contract 7069	324.66
County, Ch. 90, Contract 6799	1,181.03
County, Ch. 90, Contract 7090	818.97
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	104.47
Refund Highway Insurance	74.22
Machinery Rentals	1,239.40
	\$ 20,211.08

Charities:

Individuals	3.00
Cities and Towns	1,398.75
State	2,247.89
O. A. A. State	4,546.00
O. A. A. Towns	349.56
A. D. C. State	1,165.95
State Aid	30.00
	\$ 9,741.15

Schools:

Tuition of State Wards	147.84
Other Tuition	75.00
Refund	4.00
	\$ 226.84

Unclassified:

Miscellaneous Rebates	13.30
	\$ 13.30

Commercial Revenue:

Water Charges	4,960.94
Water Misc.	24.16
	\$ 4,985.10

Interest:

Excise Taxes:

Current Year	81.95
Previous Year	14.36

Real Estate:

Current Year	96.31
Previous Year	369.93

\$ 562.55

Agency, Trust and Investments:

Dog Licenses	567.60
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	105.00
Myron O. Mowry Fund, Income	940.00
Moses Wallis Devise, Income	1,073.56

\$ 2,686.16

Temporary Loans	41,000.00
Loan in Anticipation of State Reimbursement...	10,500.00

\$ 51,500.00

Total Receipts \$187,312.68

Balance January 1, 1939	3,746.71
Receipts, 1939	187,312.68

\$191,059.39

Payments, 1939	189,814.19
Balance December 31, 1939	1,245.20

\$191,059.39

AUDITOR'S REPORT

January 23, 1940.

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Winfield A. Schuster, Chairman

Douglas, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the general accounts of the town of Douglas for the year ending December 31, 1939, and the accounts of the tax collector for the period from March 23, 1939, to December 31, 1939, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the general accounts of the town of Douglas for the year ending December 31, 1939, and the books and accounts of the tax collector for the period from March 23, 1939, the date of the previous audit, to December 31, 1939, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by a comparison with the reports and the records in the town accountant's office.

The accountant's ledger was analyzed, the appropriation accounts being checked to the town meeting records of appropriations and transfers voted. A balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1939, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the accountant's ledger and with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer, while the payments by the treasurer were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were verified by a comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the trust funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, the income and the withdrawals being verified.

The cash on hand on January 2, 1940, was verified and the bank balances were reconciled with statements furnished by the banks.

The tax title deeds on hand were listed and the amounts transferred to the tax title account were verified.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts recommitment to the collector were audited, and all subsequent commitment lists were added and reconciled with the warrants of the assessors committing the taxes for collection. The recorded collections were checked to the treasurer's and the accountant's books, the abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger accounts.

The outstanding accounts were verified by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town,

and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen and the town clerk were examined and checked, and the payments to the State and the town were verified.

The surety bonds on file for the various officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The securities representing the investment of the Devise of Moses Wallis, in the custody of the elected agent, were examined and checked, the income was verified, and the disbursements were proved.

The recorded charges for the rental of municipal buildings were checked and verified, and the receipts as recorded were proved with the payments to the treasurer.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures, and of the public welfare, school, library, and water departments were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

For the co-operation extended by the several town officials during the process of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

1939

Assessed Valuation of the Town	\$1,580,505.00
Personal	155,369.00
Real Estate, Buildings	1,052,875.00
Land	372,261.00
Motor Vehicle Value	145,520.00
Rate of Taxation per 1,000	37.00
Amount of Tax on Property	58,378.99
Amount of Tax on Polls	1,610.00
Amount of Motor Vehicle Excise	4,289.34
Number of Firms and Persons assessed	595
Number of Horses assessed	72
Number of Cows assessed	185
Number of Neat other than cows	33
Number of Swine assessed	30
Number of Sheep assessed	24
Number of Fowl assessed	4,666
Number of Dwellings assessed	523
Number of Acres of Land assessed	17,314.44

Purposes for which taxes are assessed

State Tax	\$6,120.00
Underestimate	3,060.00
State Parks and Reservations	123.44
Underestimate	7.61
Veterans Exemptions	13.82
Underestimate	.94
Auditing Account, State	248.14
County Tax	3,403.95
	1.81
To be raised in 1939	300.00
County Tuberculosis Hospital	2,589.55
Appropriations, makeup of Tax Rate	113,377.99
Overlay current year	1,174.89

FERDINAND J. LIBBY, Chairman

LUCIUS J. MARSH, Jr.

IRVING H. FISHER

Assessors of Douglas.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Douglas:

Following is my sixth Annual Report as Town Clerk:

MARRIAGES, 1939

January

- 21 Henry J. Guyon of East Douglas and Dorilla Fougere of East Douglas.
Rev. George V. O'Rourke.
- 21 Douglas W. Colby of Sutton and Hilda M. Petrie of East Douglas.
Rev. George V. O'Rourke.
- 24 Alphonse Vanasse of Woonsocket, R. I. and Henrietta Pariseau of East
Douglas. Rev. George V. O'Rourke.
- 28 Andrew J. Nedoroscik of Douglas and Joan Dziurgot of Webster. Rev.
A. Lekarzyk, Webster, Mass.

February

- 18 Armand St. Andre of East Douglas and Anne Nedoroscik of East
Douglas. Rev. George V. O'Rourke.
- 20 Maurice James Murray of Northbridge and Delia Elizabeth Bourdon
of Sutton. Rev. George V. O'Rourke.
- 21 William E. Gallagher of East Douglas and Mary Ann Macuga of East
Douglas. Rev. George V. O'Rourke.

March

- 17 James W. Farr of East Douglas and Sophie Bloniasz of East Douglas.
Rev. George V. O'Rourke.

April

- 15 Herbert Eldon Randall of East Douglas and Jessie Archer of Lowell.
Rev. Raymond S. Hall, Lowell, Mass.

May

- 6 Andrew J. Manyak of East Douglas and Evelyn A. Monroe of East
Douglas. Rev. George V. O'Rourke.
- 6 John M. Michna of East Douglas and Genevieve F. Wojtalik of Doug-
las. Rev. George V. O'Rourke.
- 6 Lawrence G. Adams of Plainfield, Conn. and Aurore (Levigne) Hey-
mans of Plainfield, Conn.
- 6 Arthur Augustin Fortier of East Douglas and Beatrice Victoria Girard
of Woonsocket, R. I. Rev. Eugene Durocher, Woonsocket, R. I.
- 13 Chester Lawrence Vassar of East Douglas and Ruth Anna Tetreault
of Killingly, Conn. Rev. Nicolas Caron.

- 20 Stephen A. Virostek of East Douglas and Viola D. Trombowicz of Webster. Rev. A. Lekarczyk, Webster.
- 27 E. Aldrich Carpenter of East Douglas and Mildred A. Graham of Whitinsville. Rev. John J. Foran, Whitinsville.

June

- 3 John S. Macuga of East Douglas and Mary T. Yerka of East Douglas. Rev. George V. O'Rourke.
- 10 Francis Kurtyka of Sutton and Anna Bombara of East Douglas. Rev. George V. O'Rourke.
- 10 Armand J. Poisson of Pawtucket, R. I. and Irene Helen Decoteau of East Douglas. Rev. George V. O'Rourke.
- 17 Henry N. Forget of East Douglas and Elizabeth Larochelle of Whitinsville. Rev. John J. Foran, Whitinsville.
- 23 James L. Thompson of East Douglas and Annie Winifred MacCallum of East Douglas. Rev. W. Reed Usher.
- 24 Stephen P. Zemianek of East Douglas and Jennie Rymeski of Whitinsville. Rev. John H. Engstrom.
- 25 Ralph Edward Dudley of East Douglas and Lois Elfreda Wentzell of East Douglas. Rev. W. Reed Usher.

July

- 1 Robert Joseph Bilodeau of Linwood and Josephine Gertrude Resnisky of East Douglas. Rev. George V. O'Rourke.
- 22 James Arthur Quinn of East Douglas and Dorothy Gertrude Scribner of East Douglas. Rev. George V. O'Rourke.

August

- 19 Thomas G. H. Wallace of Whitinsville and Mary Louise Vecchione of East Douglas. Rev. George V. O'Rourke.

September

- 2 Joseph Henry Harvey Guertin of Linwood and Annie Martha Bombara of East Douglas. Rev. J. P. Costello.
- 2 Edgar Pearsall Weeks of East Douglas and Rita Helen Duga of Huntington, Mass. Rev. John J. Scanlon, Huntington, Mass.
- 3 George Thomas of Fabyan, Conn. and Margaret Mitchell of East Douglas. Rev. Ch. Hagipapas, Webster.
- 16 Henry J. Lemanski of East Douglas and Jessie Elizabeth Stapor of Webster. Rev. Andrew Lekarczyk, Webster.

October

- 14 Paul D. Manning, Jr., of Douglas and Martha A. Lekberg of Worcester. Rev. Elliott O. Foster, Millbury, Mass.
- 15 Robert P. Walker of East Douglas and Mary R. Wood of South Sutton. Rev. W. Reed Usher.
- 28 Rudolph Michalik of Northbridge and Mary M. Macuga of East Douglas. Rev. James P. Costello.

- 30 Philip Hallaran of East Douglas and Rita E. Cusson of East Douglas.
Rev. James P. Costello.

November

- 17 Charles Bachelor McCue of East Douglas and Elizabeth Laura Frost.
Rev. W. Reed Usher.
25 Walter T. Barlow, Jr. of Smithfield, R. I. and Jessie M. Cameron of
Providence, R. I. Rev. W. Reed Usher.

December

- 1 Howard Milton Cruff of Northbridge and Lillian Exerielle St. Denis
of Northbridge.
28 Dominic John Waszkiewicz of Worcester and Irene Myrtle Ewings of
Worcester.
30 Ernest A. Brule of East Douglas and Gertrude M. Whitman of East
Douglas. Rev. James P. Costello.
30 Stanislaus Brindamour of Pawtucket, R. I. and Caroline E. (Seymoure)
Valliere of East Douglas. Rev. James P. Costello.

BIRTHS, 1939

January

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| 10 Paul Meszaro | Andrew and Sophie Yerka |
| 17 Mary Smith | Joseph and Dorothy Gvosdjak |
| 17 Rene Grondin | Andrew and Evelyn Riley |

February

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| 8 Marcia Martha Cahill | Lawrence M. and Ethel M. Aldrich |
| 14 Mary Ursula Dunleavy | William J. and Mary U. O'Brien |

March

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| 4 Eleanor Ann Jafernak | Michael and Elizabeth Bacca |
| 15 Walter L. Carpenter | Walter L. and Wibbie Kortekamp |

April

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| 1 Lee Denis Hippert | Frank and Elizabeth Cupka |
| 20 Ronald George Koslak | John and Mary Wagher |

May

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| 4 Robert Walter Crosier | George D. and Marjorie Jones |
| 11 Jane Alexander | John E. and Pauline Loomis |
| 14 Edward Joseph Gmachowski | Edward Joseph and Marie C. Casey |
| 20 Diane Fowler | Winthrop and Marion Kidder |
| 29 Kenneth Leo Jussaume | Edward F. and Emma H. Doyon |

June

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| 10 Joyce Aldrich | Homer and Blanche Lamontagne |
| 16 Martha George | James P. and Cecelia Geotis |

20	Janice Mary Bloniasz	Louis and Mary Bacca
23	Stephen John Cencak	Stephen and Katherine Bacca
29	David Vecchione	Felix and Viola Hippert
July		
4	Joan Marie Cnossen	John and Fannie Yacino
5	Thomas Francis Colonair	Stanley and Stella Kraus
August		
1	Alfred Howard Carter	William P. and Florence Armstrong
3	Carol Ann Gorman	William and Beatrice Haulberg
15	Dennis Kolumber	John and Mary Gressak
18	Edward Norton Feldman	Archie and Belle Gabriel
September		
5	Paul Andrew Maniak	Andrew and Mary Gonsorcik
23	Richard G. Howe	Karle T. and Alice Coon
24	John George Poisson	Alfred A. and Margaret E. Bowness
29	Nancy Lee Buxton	Harold and Doris Manning
October		
3	Robert Joseph Kalvinek	Henry A. and Anna Chupka
6	Duty E. Caswell	Duty E. and Beatrice I. Dudley
November		
1	Linda Catherine Riley	Howard G. and Leona Bourdon
30	Ellen Irene Kallio	Eric and Lilly Rajanaki
December		
2	Viola Mae Homenick	John and Helen Bruno
6	Marjorie Breault	Arthur and Dorothea Maxin
6	Kenneth C. Johnson	Roy C. and Esther C. Anderson
22	William Maniak	Andrew and Evelyn Monroe
22	Robert Maniak	Andrew and Evelyn Monroe
23	Carol Mae Virostek	Joseph S. and Joan Swierzbis
25	Carol Ann Chilson	Carleton and Gilda DeBaggis

DEATHS, 1939

January	Years	Months	Days
3 Oscar Olson	69	—	—
6 —————	—	—	—
6 Francisco Bowen	81	—	—
17 Mary Jane (Keeble) Follansbee	88	10	5
18 Ann (Yates) Bottom	71	9	—
22 Rock St. Saviour	62	—	—

March

3	Felix Tuchalski	58	9	—
14	John Henry O'Rourke	59	—	—
25	Edward O'Rourke	82	—	—

April

8	Arabelle E. (Smith) Wellman	83	11	7
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May

4	Louis E. Capeau	38	9	10
6	Lucy A. (Williams) Place	70	8	24
25	William J. Loomis	66	8	29

June

3	Andrew A. Nedoroscik	62	—	11
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August

26	Lilian Gertrude (Lincoln) Carpenter	71	1	13
30	Laura (Elliott) Paine	65	—	—

October

8	Hannah Charlotte Anderson	74	6	—
27	Jacob Poplawski	50	—	—
27	Inez Ella (Whipple) Bowers	72	—	16

November

1	Stanley C. Lewandoski	6	7	27
12	Lottie (Pelletier) Clement	64	—	—
13	—————	—	—	—

December

27	Lillia Idella Chase	79	6	10
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COLLECTOR'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Douglas:

Following is my First Annual Report:

TAXES 1937

Recommitment per warrant		\$ 2,061.05
Payments to treasurer	\$ 1,864.34	
Abatements	1.75	
Tax titles taken by town	194.96	
		\$ 2,061.05

TAXES 1938

Recommitment per warrant		\$ 7,733.14
Payments to treasurer	\$ 3,840.10	
Added to Tax Titles	206.09	
Outstanding	3,686.95	
		\$ 7,733.14

TAXES 1939

Commitment per warrant	\$ 60,092.99	
Abatements and payments	1.85	
		\$ 60,094.84
Payments to treasurer	39,743.73	
Abatements	131.40	
Added to tax titles	296.75	
Warrant in excess of commitment (polls)	4.00	
Outstanding:		
Polls	78.00	
Personal	561.74	
Real estate	19,279.22	
		19,918.96
		\$ 60,094.84

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES 1938

Recommitment per warrant		42.42
Payments to treasurer	35.14	
Abatements	7.28	
		\$ 42.42

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES 1939

Commitment per warrant	\$ 4,228.28	
Abatements and payments	189.53	
		\$ 4,417.81
Payments to treasurer	4,160.20	
Abatements	198.15	
Outstanding	59.46	
		\$ 4,417.81

INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

Collections:

Levy 1937 Taxes	\$ 179.54	
Levy of 1938		
Taxes	111.15	
Motor Vehicle excise taxes	12.12	
		123.27
Levy of 1939		
Taxes	98.08	
Motor vehicle excise taxes	81.25	
		179.33
		\$ 482.14
Payments to treasurer		\$ 482.14

Respectfully submitted,

FLOYD S. RAWSON,
Collector.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1940.

Mr. Winfield A. Schuster, Chairman,
Board of Selectmen,
Douglas, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

I herewith respectfully submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year 1939.

ORGANIZATION

Chief of Police
KARLE T. HOWE

Sergeant
Chester C. Fulone

Patrolmen

Joseph Kostka Warren Johnson Charles McCue Edward Balcom

Special Officers

John Hanley Earl Ballou Harry Johnston Kenneth McMahon

ACTIVITY REPORT

CRIMINAL

Complaints received (all natures)	310
Complaints investigated	289
Investigations for other Departments	64
Hours investigation	604
Hours Court (all Officers)	589
Value stolen property recovered	\$969.00
Stolen cars recovered—returned to owners	2
Arrests (see attached schedule for offences)	105

TRAFFIC

Cars Stopped, warned, booked, violation of M. V. Laws.....	570
Operators summoned to court, violation of M. V. Laws.....	120
Operators' licenses suspended, violation M. V. Laws	22
Registrations revoked, violation M. V. Laws	2
Cars stopped for general check, licenses, occupants, etc.....	319
Violation of Parking Laws	111
Summons served locally, for other Departments	32

Motor Vehicle transfers checked and approved	23
Total fines and assessments	\$561.00
Accidents:	
Property Damage	10
Personal Injury	6
Total	16

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

Tours Special Duty (all Officers)	370
Doors found open and secured	25
Night lights found out—premises checked	44
Obstructions found in highways and removed	3
Street lights found out and reported	17
Accidental deaths investigated	2
Emergency trips to hospitals with police cruiser	10
Stray dogs shot	2
Value of lost property found and returned to owners.....	\$185.00
Insane persons committed	1
Death notices delivered	6
Missing persons located	5
Defects in highways located and reported	1
Mileage on Police Cruiser—patrol—investigation—court, etc.....	25,530

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE

Abuse, Carnal, of Female Child	2
Accident, Leaving Scene of	2
Assault and Battery	9
Assault and Robbery	2
Bastardy	1
Breaking, Entering and Larceny (night time)	3
Breaking, Entering, with Intent to Commit Larceny	2
Contributing to Delinquency of Minors	2
Default	1
Desertion and Neglect of Minor Children	1
Disturbing the Peace	2
Drunk	13
Failing to Stop on Signal of Officer	2
Forged Instrument, Uttering	1
Forgery	2
Gambling Pool, Aiding and Abetting	5
Hawkers and Peddlers, Employment of Minors as, ...	1
Idle and Disorderly	1
Insane Persons	3
Junk, Collecting without License	1
Larceny	8

Larceny from Building			1
Lewdness			1
Lewd and Lascivious Cohabitation			6
Neglected Children			5
Neglect to Provide for Minor Children			1
Non-Support			2
Operating Motor Vehicle after Suspension of License			2
Operating Motor Vehicle under Influence of Liquor			4
Operating Motor Vehicle without License			2
Operating Motor Vehicle Negligently			4
Operating Unregistered Motor Vehicle			1
Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle			2
Peddling without License			1
Property, Malicious Injury to, ...			1
Rape			4
Revolver, Carrying without Permit			2
Violation of Probation			1
Wayward Child			1
Total			105
Residents	45	Unserved Warrants on File.....	4
Non-Residents	57	Residents Arrested for Other	
Males	89	Departments	14
Females	14	Cases Pending	3
Felonies	28	Complaints Pending	4
Misdemeanors	77		

During 1939, crimes against property decreased, as was expected. Crimes against the person, and crimes against chastity, morality and good order showed an increase.

The percentage of felonious crimes as compared to the total remains about the same as 1938. The number of residents arrested for all crimes (exclusive of minors) remains nearly the same in proportion to the whole. Among these, there are, of course, the usual perenials and repeaters for drunkenness and disturbance of the peace.

The number of complaints and arrests shows an increase. It is believed that increased patrol mileage would do much to reduce both. Patrol mileage for 1937 and 1938 was a third more than 1939, due of course to financial limitations.

The need for increased identification facilities has been apparent for some time. This phase has been reported to your Board and the Board of Finance in detail, in accordance with law, along with other phases of procedure that I believe necessary to enhance the efficiency of the Department.

Douglas, as well as nearly all other communities, has co-operated with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles in an attempt to reduce the accident total. It was the second community in the Commonwealth to attempt enforcement of the 25 mile an hour law in thickly settled districts. Nearly all towns and cities in Massachusetts now have this.

Except in cases of flagrant violation, warning cards were issued in cases of first violation. Five hundred of such cards were issued. One hundred and forty-four other offenders were either summoned to court, or had their license to operate suspended, their plates revoked or both.

Desired results were obtained in the thickly settled districts. We are not however, satisfied with results in sparsely settled districts, where the majority of the accidents occurred. Such of these accidents, with the exception of one fatal accident, involved but slight personal injury in all cases, and very little property damage, considering the nature of the accidents.

25% of all accidents occurred during the month of November and the first week of December. This situation was state wide, and attracted so much attention, that enforcement officials in every town in the state were called in by counties, to see if a reduction could be effected. This Department attended at Worcester.

The drive against speeders will be carried on more vigorously than ever during 1940, with more suspensions and summons than were prevalent in 1939. It is of course, well established that 85% of all accidents are caused by excessive speed. Attempts to cut this total must start, therefore, with the curbing of speeding, in all districts.

Again, through the medium of the report, I wish to thank the operators at the local exchange for their courtesy, and their willingness to co-operate at all times. Nothing has done more to enhance, not only our efficiency as a unit, but the protection of persons and property that law abiding citizens have a right to expect.

Respectfully submitted,

KARLE T. HOWE,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Chapter 81 Highways:

Appropriated by Town	\$ 5,250.00
Allotment by State	10,500.00
Total	\$15,750.00

Earl Ballou, Supt. as per wages	\$ 1,273.28
Earl Ballou, Car 1329 hrs. @ .20	265.80
S. D. Putnam, Foreman 1077½ hrs. @ .60	646.50
S. D. Putnam, Labor 117 hrs. @ .50	58.50
Earl McCann, Tractor oper. 696 hrs. @ .60	417.60
Earl McCann, Labor 546 hrs. @ .50	273.00
Carmine Ferno, Labor 1108½ hrs. @ .50	554.25
Clifford Lunn, Labor 855½ hrs. @ .50	427.75
Harold Keith, Labor 271 hrs. @ .50	135.50
James Murphy, Labor 8 hrs. @ .50	4.00
Ernest Lunn, Labor 7 hrs. @ .50	3.50
Albert Valcourt, Grader oper. 534 hrs. @ .60	320.40
Albert Valcourt, Labor 732 hrs. @ .50	366.00
Paul Murphy, Labor 24 hrs. @ .50	12.00
Stanley Krouse, Labor 1047½ hrs. @ .50	523.75
John Minior, Labor 1037½ hrs. @ .50	518.75
Alfred Miller, Labor 1093½ hrs. @ .50	546.75
Jesse Chase, Labor 286 hrs. @ .50	143.00
Edward Casey, Labor 199 hrs. @ .50	99.50
Lewis Fisk, Labor 214 hrs. @ .50	107.00
D. E. Caswell, Jr. Labor 32 hrs. @ .50	16.00
Elwin Chase, Labor 170 hrs. @ .50	85.00
Elwin Chase, Double Team 116 hrs. @ \$1.00	116.00
W. H. Dudley, Truck 898½ hrs. @ 1.50	1,347.75
H. W. Buxton, Truck 317½ hrs. @ 1.50	476.25
Phillip Mozensky, Labor 24½ hrs. @ .50	12.25
Joseph Tomaszek, Labor 16 hrs. @ .50	8.00
Nellie Parker, Truck 1016 hrs. @ 1.50	1,524.00
Donah Bonville, Labor 86½ hrs. @ .50	43.25
Charles McCue, Labor 12 hrs. @ .50	6.00
John Cozzens, Brick Mason 28½ hrs. @ 1.50	42.75
Vernon Davis, Brick Mason 22 hrs. @ 1.50	33.00
D. E. Caswell, Truck 696½ hrs. @ 1.50	1,044.75
Joseph DeVries, 1¼ c. y. Shovel 12 hrs. @ 6.25	75.00

Labor and Equipment Hire\$ 11,526.83

Rental from Town owned machinery credited to machinery account	\$ 1,082.15
	\$ 1,082.15

Chapter 81 Material:

State Prison, Charlestown, to directional signs and posts	\$ 58.90
State Prison Colony, to 212 feet of 12 inch reinforced Concrete Pipe @ .82	173.84
C. C. Plumb Co. to 5,502 Gals. MC-1 Asphalt @ .08 per gal. less 2%	435.76
C. C. Plumb Co. to 2,515 Gals. MC-3 @ .08	201.20
The Barrett Co. 10,178 Gals. Tar @ .117	1,190.82
The Barrett Co. 1,013 Gals. Retread @ .117	118.52
P. D. Manning, to Workmen's Compensation and Liability Ins.	334.98
H. W. Buxton, to 2,234 c. y. Gravel @ .07	156.38
New England Metal Culvert Co. Culvert Pipe	220.90
C. A. Sweet, to 865 c. y. Sand and Gravel @ .07	60.55
Winchester Brick Co. to 4,000 Cement Brick @ 16.00	64.00
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co. 8 feet of 12 inch Concrete Pipe F.O.B. @ .75	6.00
D. E. Caswell, to 854 c. y. Gravel @ .07	59.78
O. F. Chase, to 60 c. y. Gravel @ .07	4.20
John Gingrass, to 30 c. y. Gravel @ .07	2.10
W. R. Wallis Lumber Co. Cement & Oakum.....	52.87
Total Material	\$ 3,140.80
Grand Total Chapter 81 Highways	\$ 15,749.78

EARL BALLOU,
Supt. of Highways.

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Appropriated by Town	\$500.00
Allotment by County	500.00
Allotment by State	500.00
Total \$	1,500.00
Earl Ballou, as per wages	\$ 83.04
Earl Ballou, Car 88 hrs. @ .20	17.60
S. D. Putnam, Foreman 107 hrs. @ .60	64.20
Earl McCann, Labor 62 hrs. @ .50	31.00
Earl McCann, Tractor oper. 8 hrs. @ .60	4.80

Harold Keith, Labor 47 hrs. @ .50	23.50	
Albert Valcourt, Labor 92 hrs. @ .50	46.00	
Carmine Ferno, Labor 52 hrs. @ .50	26.00	
D. E. Caswell, Labor 4 hrs. @ .50	2.00	
Clifford Lunn, Labor 108 hrs. @ .50	54.00	
John Minior, Labor 56 hrs. @ .50	28.00	
Jesse Chase, Labor 64 hrs. @ .50	32.00	
Elwin Chase, Labor 64 hrs. @ .50	32.00	
Lewis Fisk, Labor 64 hrs. @ .50	32.00	
Stanley Krouse, Labor 32 hrs. @ .50	16.00	
Alfred Miller, Labor 8 hrs. @ .50	4.00	
W. H. Dudley, Truck 60 hrs. @ 1.50	90.00	
Nellie Parker, Truck 102 hrs. @ 1.50	153.00	
D. E. Caswell, Truck 54 hrs. @ 1.50	81.00	
Clayton Blackmer, to painting white Traffic Lines, 2,800 feet @ .01½	42.00	
Labor and Equipment hire	\$	862.14
Rental from Town Tractor credited to Machinery account	12.00	
		\$ 12.00

Chapter 90 Maintenance Material:

New England Bolt Co. Inc. to Cable and fittings for Cable Guard Rail	\$	47.64
The Barrett Co. 4,878 Gals. Tar @ .117	570.72	
C. A. Sweet, to 107 c. y. Sand @ .07	7.49	
Total Material	\$	625.85
Grand Total Chapter 90 Maintenance	\$	1,499.99

EARL BALLOU,
Supt. of Highways.

Machinery Account:

Receipts:

Balance in account as of Jan. 1st. 1939	\$	483.59
Received for Rental Chapter 81	1,082.15	
Received for Rental Chapter 90 Maintenance	12.00	
Received for Rental Main St. Drain Project	122.50	
Received from private hire	22.75	
Total Income	\$	1,722.99

EARL BALLOU,
Supt. of Highways.

Payments:	
W. R. Wallis Lumber Co. Tools and Supplies.....	\$ 66.51
Atlantic Coast Refining Co. 1 drum	
Graphite Penatroleum	15.62
Clark-Wilcox Co. to repairs and parts	32.55
Clark-Wilcox Co. to 1 set of Tracts and Rollers	
for Tractor	362.40
Christie & Thompson, to rebuilding springs on	
Forest Fire Truck	24.25
Walker Oil Co. to Gas	91.17
Worcester Oxy-Acetylene Supply Co. to Acetylene	
and oxygen for welding	11.70
Interstate Steel Co. to cutting edges and steel blades	
for grader and snow plows	98.95
Douglas Motor Sales, to repairing and painting	
Forest Fire Truck	45.00
Douglas Motor Sales, to Gas and Oil	119.84
Southwestern Petroleum Co. to 220 lbs. Bronze Roller	
Grease for tractor rollers @ .18½	40.70
Blair Motor Co. Electric Welding Snow Plow.....	10.50
C. A. Blackmer, Painting cross walks	23.75
Voutours Express, to Express	1.36
American Railway Express, to Express	3.53
F. E. Jones, to Gas, Oil and Grease	125.23
Smith Rubber Co. to 8 prs. Rubber Boots	16.00
Ernest Lunn, to repairing	4.80
Thomas Hogan Inc. to repairs on Chapter 81	
Air Compressor	8.22
Total Payments	\$ 1,102.08
Balance in Account Dec. 31, 1938	\$ 620.91

EARL BALLOU,
Supt. of Highways.

Snow Removal and Sanding:

Appropriated by Town	\$ 2,000.00
Plowing and Trucking	\$ 869.50
Labor	992.76
Material and repairs	137.70
Grand Total Snow Roads	\$ 1,999.96

Highway Railings:

Appropriated by Town	\$	100.00
Earl Ballou, as per wages	20.76	
Earl Ballou, Car 16 hrs. @ .20	3.20	
S. D. Putnam, Foreman 16 hrs. @ .60	9.60	
Harold Keith, Labor 24 hrs. @ .50	12.00	
Earl McCann, Labor 12 hrs. @ .50	6.00	
Nellie Parker, Truck 13 hrs. @ 1.50	19.50	
Labor and Trucking	\$	71.06

Material:

W. R. Wallis Lumber Co. Lumber and Material....	28.67	
Total Material		28.67
Grand Total Highway Railings	\$	99.73

EARL BALLOU,
Supt. of Highways.

Bridges:

Appropriated by Town	\$	200.00
Earl Ballou, as per wages	20.76	
Earl Ballou, Car 8 hrs. @ .20	1.60	
S. D. Putnam, Foreman 12½ hrs. @ .60	7.50	
Harold Keith, Labor 2½ hrs. @ .50	1.25	
Earl McCann, Labor 4 hrs. @ .50	2.00	
Nellie Parker, Truck 9 hrs. @ 1.50	13.50	
D. E. Caswell, Truck 4 hrs. @ 1.50	6.00	
Labor and Trucking	\$	52.61

Material:

W. R. Wallis Lumber Co. Lumber, Spikes and Material	146.88	
Total Material	\$	146.88
Grand Total Bridges	\$	199.49

EARL BALLOU,
Supt. of Highways.

REPORT OF TREASURER SIMON FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

1939

Jan. 1—Balance on Deposit	\$	44.97
Town Appropriations		1,000.00
Dog Fund		448.81
Jan. 5—Uxbridge Savings Bank Interest	15.00	
May 2—Whitinsville Savings Bank Interest	145.21	
July 5—Uxbridge Savings Bank Interest	15.00	
Nov. 1—Whitinsville Savings Bank Interest	145.21	
		320.42
	\$	1,814.20
Reserve Fund Transfer		126.17
	\$	1,940.37

Expenditures:

Rosalie E. Williams, Librarian	780.00	
Mrs. Carl Donaldson, Assistant Librarian	18.00	
Frank E. Jones, Fuel Oil	193.38	
For Books	554.32	
Miscellaneous Expense	62.63	
Magazines and Papers	93.00	
Worcester Suburban Electric Co.	74.46	
Herbert E. Hughes, Janitor	130.00	
Paul D. Manning, Liability and Compensation Ins....	30.24	
	\$	1,936.03
Balance on Deposit		4.34
	\$	1,940.37

Endowment Funds:

Mrs. Royal Keith Fund	\$	200.00
James M. Fairfield Fund		5,000.00
James Smith Fund		6,000.00

Arthur F. Taft Fund	500.00
Winfield S. Schuster Fund	1,000.00
James W. Wixtead Fund	200.00
	\$ 12,900.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. JONES,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To Selectmen of Douglas,

The number of calls made during the year was 90. Cattle inspected 293. This was 17 less than last year. I find the cattle to be in a healthy condition. One permit was issued from Boston to bring a cow from Connecticut.

Respectfully,

ROY E. KENYON,
Animal Inspector.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

January 1, 1938 to January 1939

No.	Hours	Mileage
11 Hogs	29 hrs.	79 miles
2 Cows		

Respectfully,

HARRY A. DOWNS,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN ON TOWN STREETS

April 25, 1870

Names of streets and courts in Douglas follow:

NORTH-EAST MAIN STREET from the angles formed by what used to be the Boston and Hartford and Douglas and Providence Pikes, Easterly through the village of East Douglas to Uxbridge line.

NORTH-WEST MAIN STREET from said angles Northwesterly to Sutton line.

SOUTHWEST MAIN STREET from said angles to Connecticut line.

SOUTH-EAST MAIN STREET from said angles to Uxbridge line.

COFFEE-HOUSE STREET from South-west Main Street to Rhode Island line.

WALLUM POND STREET from South-west Main Street to Rhode Island line.

HIGH STREET from South-west Main to Connecticut East line and from Connecticut North line to Webster line.

SOUTH STREET from South-west Main to R. I. line passing the Douglas station.

CEDAR STREET from South-west Main to North-west Main St.

ARCH STREET from South to South Street.

WALNUT STREET from Arch to Wallum Pond Street.

CHESTNUT STREET from South to Walnut Street.

HEMLOCK STREET from South to Rhode Island line.

VINE STREET from South-east Main to Pine Street.

PINE STREET from South-east Main Street to South Street.

ORANGE STREET from Pine Street to R. I. line.

YEW STREET from South-east Main to Uxbridge line.

ELM STREET from South-east Main to Yew Street.

LOCUST STREET from South-east Main to Yew Street.

LINDEN STREET from South-east Main to Uxbridge line.

PERRY STREET from Southeast Main to Yew Street.

GLENN STREET from North-east Main to Yew Street.

FRANKLIN STREET from North-east Main to Pleasant Street.

PLEASANT STREET from North-east Main to Yew Street.

DAVIS STREET from North-east Main to Uxbridge line.

MONROE STREET from North-east Main to Maple Street.
 MAPLE STREET from Franklin Street to Uxbridge line.
 DEPOT STREET from Pleasant to Maple Street.
 COMMON STREET from North-west Main to North-east Main Street.
 RIEDELL STREET from North-east Main to West Street.
 WEST STREET from North-east Main to North-west Main Street.
 MECHANIC STREET from North-east Main to B Street.
 WINTER STREET from Walnut Street to Rhode Island line.
 COOK STREET from North-east Main to Gilboa Street.
 NORTH STREET from North-east Main to Sutton line.
 C. STREET from North-east Main to North Street.
 CHARLES STREET from North-east Main to North Street.
 DALE STREET from North-west Main to Oak Street.
 OAK STREET from North-west Main to Sutton line.
 BIRCH STREET from North-west Main to Sutton line.
 CROSS STREET from West to Mumford Street.
 GROVE STREET from West to Mumford Street.
 MUMFORD STREET from Manchaug Street to Sutton line.
 DAY STREET from Mumford to Manchaug Street.
 MANCHAUG STREET from B. Street to Sutton line.
 GILBOA STREET from Manchaug Street to Uxbridge line.
 A STREET from Cemetery Street to Manchaug Street.
 B STREET from head of Manchaug Street to Cook Street.
 CEMETERY STREET from B Street to Gilboa Street.
 WEBSTER STREET from South-west Main to Webster line.
 WALLIS STREET from North-west Main to Cedar Street.
 CHURCH STREET from North-west Main to Common Street
 UXBRIDGE STREET from Uxbridge line to Uxbridge line.
 CLIFF STREET from Oxford line to Webster line.

NAMES OF COURTS

BARTON COURT from Yew Street.
 BALCOM from South Street.
 CASWELL COURT from Manchaug Street.
 CONNER COURT from Yew Street.
 CUMMINGS COURT North from North-east Main Street to Mumford River.
 JOHNSON COURT from West Street.

ESTEN COURT from South Street.
 FAIRBANKS COURT from Linden Street.
 GILBOA COURT from North Street.
 PRENTICE COURT from North Street.
 PARKER COURT from Oak Street.
 WHITE COURT from Yew Street.
 WELLS COURT from South-east Main Street.

Since the above streets and courts were laid out, the following streets and courts have been thrown up by vote of the town or otherwise: COFFEE HOUSE STREET, MONROE STREET from North-east Main to Davis Street; DAY STREET, DALE STREET, WINTER STREET, BARTON COURT, BALCOM COURT, CONNER COURT and PARKER COURT, while BOWEN COURT and WHITE AVENUE from North-east Main Street also COTTAGE STREET North-west from Depot Street to North-east Main Street have been laid out.

WIXTEAD COURT from Gilboa Street North, not mentioned in the above courts, was laid out as a public highway May 18, 1863.

ORCHARD PLACE, the latest public highway, running 300 feet more or less in a Westerly direction from Depot Street, was accepted by a vote of the town on December 28, 1939.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town Appropriation	\$ 700.00	
Reserve Fund Transfer		25.00
		\$ 725.00

Expenditures

Fire Chief's Salary	100.00	
Fire Company Salaries	270.00	
Janitor's Salary	78.00	
Fire Truck Maintenance	46.25	
Fire Truck Apparatus	76.99	
Chemicals	21.00	
Fuel for Station	45.02	
Lights	8.25	
Repairs at Station, etc.	19.46	
Telephones	57.60	
		\$ 722.57
Unexpended		2.43
		\$ 725.00

Loss

Estimated loss for 1939 in town	\$ 500.00	
Estimated loss of C. C. C. Barrack	1,200.00	
		\$ 1,700.00

Alarms

Total number of alarms answered	31
20 chimney, 2 oil burners, 2 stores, 1 house, 1 lumber yard, 1 tree at Elmwood Club, 1 electric motor, 1 forest fire, 1 barn, and 1 C. C. C. building.	

Fire Alarm Signals

Fire outside of district	1 long blow
Center	2 blows and repeat
River	3 blows and repeat
Upper Main	4 blows and repeat
Lower Main	5 blows and repeat
Depot Street	6 blows and repeat

No School Signal

Three blasts of the mill whistle at 7.30 A. M. closes all schools for the morning session. The same signal at 11.30 A. M. closes all schools for the afternoon session.

The same signal at 11.15 A. M. denotes that there will be one session. In case of one session all grades will close at 12.30 P. M.; except first grade which will close at noon. If the whistle does not blow at 11.30 A. M. there will be school in the afternoon.

Fire Department Personnel:

Charles Anderson, Chief
 Joseph Vecchione, Ass't. Chief
 Felix Vecchione, Engineer
 William Van Ness, Secretary
 Edmund Bruno, Treasurer
 Harold Buxton
 Louis Bloniasz
 Herbert E. Gove
 Fred Cabana
 Joseph Bruno
 Kenneth McMahon
 Harold Anderson
 Lawrence Kolumber
 Albert Frost
 Stephen Kosiar

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. ANDERSON, Chief.

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town Appropriation	\$	300.00	
Reserve Fund Transfer		261.19	
			\$ 561.19
Purchase, Equipment, and Maintenance of new Forest Fire Truck		250.90	
Forest Fire Hose		115.00	
Labor—Fire Fighting		139.96	
Transportation		32.50	
Chemicals		13.55	
Miscellaneous		6.28	
Truck		3.00	
			\$ 561.19
Reimbursement to the Town	\$		16.50

Wardens:

Paul D. Manning	John Hanley
Roy Kenyon	Charles Church
William J. Wallis	Arthur Rawson
Frank E. Jones	Lincoln Carpenter
Thayer Peters	William Caswell
John Fulone	Elwin Chase

Earl Ballou

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. PETERS,
Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Douglas:

Appropriation at Town Meeting, 1939.....	\$ 3,200.00
Transfer from Water Surplus	1,116.20
	\$ 4,316.20

EXPENDITURES

Administration:

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 1,300.00
Postage	16.86
Telephone	20.26
All Other	43.29
	\$ 1,380.31

General:

Labor	138.01
Pipe and Fittings	172.72
Equipment	79.98
All Other	45.82
	\$ 436.53

Pumping Station:

Light and Power	1,356.50
Fuel	12.75
Repairs	5.00
All Other	12.64
	\$ 1,386.89

Service Pipe:

Pipe and Fittings	81.53
All Other	15.00
	\$ 96.53

Extensions:

Labor	301.23
Pipe and Fittings	595.18

	\$ 896.41
New Meters	144.00
Unexpended	.43
	\$ 4,316.20

WATER DEPARTMENT

Rates

Outstanding January 1, 1939	\$ 348.44	
Charges	5,176.73	
Advance payments December 31, 1939	5.33	
		\$ 5,530.50
Payments to treasurer	4,960.94	
Outstanding December 31, 1939	564.26	
Cash balance December 31, 1939	5.30	
		\$ 5,530.50

Water Miscellaneous

Charges 1939	24.16
Payments to treasurer 1939	24.16

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, Chairman 1940
 FELIX S. VECCHIONE, 1941
 WILLIAM J. WALLIS, 1942
 Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF AGENT MOSES WALLIS DEVISE

To the Town of Douglas
For the year Ending December 31, 1939

The Agent charges himself with amounts due the Devise January 1, 1939, as follows:

Los Angeles School District Bonds 5%	\$ 16,201.50	
Amortization	580.16	
		\$ 15,621.34
City of Detroit Bonds, 4½%	5,250.00	
Amortization	116.37	
		5,133.63
Jersey City Water Bonds, 4½%	5,231.50	
Amortization	87.64	
		5,143.86
		\$ 25,898.83
Whitinsville National Bank	2,527.16	
Dividend Bonds, Detroit	150.00	
		2,677.16
		\$ 28,575.99
Value to keep permanent	27,502.43	
Due Town Treasurer	1,073.56	
		\$ 28,575.99

The Agent has received as follows:

1939		
Balance		2,677.16
Feb. 6 County of Los Angeles, Interest.....	375.00	
Apr. 1 Jersey City, Interest	112.50	
Aug. 1 City of Detroit, Interest	4.88	
Aug. 1 City of Detroit	225.00	

Aug. 7	County of Los Angeles, Interest	375.00	
Sept. 30	Jersey City, Interest	112.50	
			1,204.88
			\$ 3,882.04

The Agent has paid out as follows:

1939			
June 18	Town Treasurer	1,073.56	
Dec. 15	Salary, Agent	75.00	
	Balance	2,733.48	
			\$ 3,882.04

PRESENT VALUE OF DEVISE

December 31, 1939

\$15,000.00	Los Angeles School District Bonds, 5%..	16,201.50	
	Amortization	621.60	
			\$ 15,579.90
\$ 5,000.00	Jersey City Water Bonds, 4½%	5,231.50	
	Amortization	93.90	
			\$ 5,137.60
\$ 5,000.00	City of Detroit Bonds, 4½%	5,250.00	
	Amortization	124.99	
			\$ 5,125.01
			\$ 25,842.51
	Whitinsville National Bank	2,583.48	
	Detroit Bond Dividend	150.00	
			2,733.48
			\$ 28,575.99
	Value to keep permanent	27,502.43	
	Due Town Treasurer	1,073.56	
			\$ 28,575.99

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, Agent.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

1939 Appropriation	\$	400.00
James Fulone, Superintendent	\$	60.50
James Fulone, Car		9.00
Labor		240.80
Insurance		22.38
Truck		12.50
Charles C. Krull		5.75
James Fulone, Moth Supervision		14.00
Moths—Labor		33.00
		397.93
Unexpended		2.07
	\$	400.00

REPORT OF THE OLD AGE ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Douglas:

The report of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance for the year ending December 31, 1939 is as follows—

Total number of persons who received Old Age Assistance during the year	43
Number of cases January 1, 1939	37
New cases added	4
Cases re-opened	2
Cases closed:	
Became self-supporting	1
Removed from town	2
By death	4
Active list, January 1, 1940	36
Home visits	182
Paid for Old Age Assistance 1939:	
Town Appropriation	7,273.03
Federal Grants	5,695.00
	\$ 12,968.03
Received—Federal Grant	6,242.50
Checks not cashed	55.00
Reimbursements State, Towns	4,895.56
	\$ 11,193.06

This reduces the Net Cost for Old Age Assistance for 1939 to \$1,774.97

As a result of the reorganization of the state welfare department which took place last August there have been many changes.

The state has been divided into seven districts with a central office in each in which all the work of the district will be conducted.

Douglas is in District No. 2 and the central office for this district is at 60 Franklin Street, Worcester.

Whereas formerly each branch of the work—General Welfare, Old Age

Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children—had a separate visitor, one state visitor now has charge of all departments and makes regular visits to the town welfare office.

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1939	\$ 100.00	
Charges	4,982.22	
		\$ 5,082.22
Payments to treasurer	4,895.56	
Disallowances	6.66	
Outstanding December 31, 1939	180.00	
		\$ 5,082.22

Respectfully submitted,

FERDINAND J. LIBBY,
FRANK X. RINFRETTE,
MARINE ZONFRILLO,

Bureau of Old Age Assistance.

VERA H. WARNER, Clerk.

CHARITIES IN DOUGLAS

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Douglas:

It is a pleasure to announce to the citizens in this town a 50% reduction in Temporary Aid expenditures over the previous year. In making this reduction all outstanding 1939 bills have been paid and we are looking forward to 1940 with prospects of reducing expenses to normal, which would be between \$8,000 and \$10,000 for a community our size.

Living in an industrial community makes us almost entirely dependent upon the operations of the local mills. The co-operation received from the local concerns in hiring employables receiving relief was one step in reducing the expenditures.

Another important factor that was of great help to the Town was the fact that the State Employment Service functioned more satisfactorily in the past year. Unemployment compensation checks were issued with efficient regularity. Checks were received by claimants in time to give them financial assistance when it was needed. At the present time a representative of the State Employment Service has office hours here every Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4 P. M. in the Selectmen's Room to receive claim applications.

A third important factor of course is maintaining our W. P. A. Projects in Town. About twenty men are employed on projects the year around and some thirty-five individuals have been employed on such projects, several of whom have since returned to private industry. This affirms our belief that most men would rather work in private industry if possible and above all they would rather work for their livelihood than to receive an outright dole. In every case where the applicant for relief was a citizen he was certified for W. P. A. at once.

Of course our Surplus Commodity Center is functioning and rendering the most possible assistance to the needy. Our Policy with respect to the issuing of Surplus Commodity Cards has been one of assisting the border line cases as well as the actual relief cases and in several instances commodities received were sufficient to keep recipients from receiving direct relief. At the present time the Federal Government is paying for a full time clerk and one laborer working 30 hours each week at the Center. The cost to the Town to maintain this center is the expense of transporting the supplies from the central warehouse in Worcester and the expense of keeping the quarters in the kitchen of the Town Hall.

In our report last year we referred to the new budget system that went into effect January 1, 1939. This budget system is a success and will be a permanent factor in determining amount of aid necessary to each applicant. It corresponds with the State recommended budgets in most all cases. Since its inception there have been fewer complaints and more satisfaction shown

among recipients. All know that their cases are being considered on the same basis as others.

The classification of expenditures, which is included in this report, shows the total amounts expended in cash payments, for groceries, and milk, for medical care, outside Board and care, Douglas cases in other cities and Towns, rent, fuel, clothing, commissary maintenance, and miscellaneous items. About half of the recipients have cash orders and no cash orders are given unless the Board feels reasonably sure that the money will be expended at local stores. The food orders are distributed among all the other stores with no discrimination being shown.

The most disturbing news in the past year was the high percentage of the total expenditures, paid out for medical care. This account showed an increase and represented 16% of the 1939 Welfare expenditure. This of course is an unpredictable account and it reflects the tendency the local board has in considering the health of the recipient's family. However, in many instances the only relief given was medical care at a hospital. This total would be greater were it not for the health work being done by well known local organizations.

The total amount of aid to persons with Douglas settlements living in other communities showed a slight increase over the previous year. This is an expenditure over which we have no control and depends upon business conditions in other communities.

Under our system of rendering aid, the full board acts on each application at the weekly meetings held on Thursday evenings at 7.00 P. M. in the Welfare Office, Town Hall. The action taken is on record for each meeting and the execution of the Board's orders are left to Miss Warner and Mr. Virostek.

Our Welfare budget for 1940 calls for a reduction of \$1900 over the previous years while the budget for the remaining accounts remain the same at \$2,000.00 for Aid to Dependent Children, and \$7,500.00 for Old Age Assistance. Since the last two accounts involve the reimbursement to the Town of Federal Grants, the budgets must be sufficient to take care of any unforeseen increases throughout the year; for insufficient Town Funds will endanger our receiving the Federal Grants.

CLASSIFICATION OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

Appropriation at Town Meeting		\$ 12,400.00
Administration:		
Postage, etc.	32.75	
Telephone and all other	78.87	
	-----	111.62
Cash Payments		2,230.25
Groceries and Provisions, etc.		2,061.45
Medicine and medical care		1,706.28
Board and Care		1,325.21

Douglas cases in other Cities and Towns.....	1,308.51	
Rent	772.25	
Fuel, all types	317.93	
Clothing	157.04	
Commissary	134.23	
All Other	304.46	
		\$ 10,429.23
Transferred to School Sewer Drain	1,350.00	
Unexpended balance	620.77	
		\$ 12,400.00
Reimbursements from all sources in 1939	3,646.64	
This reduces the Net Cost of Welfare for 1939 to...	\$ 6,782.59	
Temporary Aid:		
Total number of families aided	55	
Total number of persons aided	188	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Total number of families aided	6	
Total number of children aided	14	
Expenditures for A. D. C.		
Town Appropriation	1,982.80	
Federal Grants	333.50	
		\$ 2,316.30
Reimbursements for A. D. C.		
From State	1,165.95	
From Federal Grants	332.23	
		\$ 1,498.18

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Temporary Aid

Outstanding January 1, 1939	\$ 2,209.71	
Charges	4,375.40	
		\$ 6,585.11
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 3,646.64	
Disallowances	26.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1939	2,912.47	
		\$ 6,585.11

Aid to Dependent Children

Outstanding January 1, 1939	434.50	
Charges	1,050.38	
		\$ 1,484.88
Payments to treasurer	1,165.95	
Outstanding December 31, 1939, per list	318.23	
		\$ 1,484.88

SURPLUS COMMODITIES 1939
CLOTHING

Article	Amount
Girl's Bloomers	41 pcs.
Women's Bloomers	31 "
Boys' Blouses	175 "
Diapers	48 "
Girl's Dresses	275 "
Women's Dresses	230 "
Layettes	5 "
Girl's Nightgowns	69 "
Women's Nightgowns	72 "
Women's Pajamas	21 "
Men's Pajamas	40 "
Men's Pants	163 "
Rompers	20 "
Men's Shirts	265 "
Men's Shorts	72 "
Slips	188 "
Men's Overalls	30 "
Boys' Overalls	18 "
Boys' Unionsuits	38 "
Children's Pajamas	95 "
Boys' Pants	208 "

FOOD

Article	Amount
Apples	5400 lbs.
Red Kidney Beans	1060 "
Dried Pea Beans	2700 "
Butter	4493 "
Cabbage	580 "
Wheat Cereal	2940 "
Corn Meal	7290 "

Graham Flour	2327 1/2 lbs.
Wheat Flour	9395 3/4 lbs.
Fresh Grapefruits	3950 lbs.
Grapefruit Juice	1944 cans
Evaporated Milk	864 "
Dried Milk	800 lbs.
Oranges	1190 "
Dried Prunes	2250 "
Raisins	1250 "
Rice	900 "
Tomatoes	792 "
Sweet Potatoes	1160 "
Squash	500 "
Rolled Oats Cereal	450 "

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK X. RINFRETTE, Chairman
MARINE S. ZONFRILLO
W. LINCOLN CARPENTER

Annual Reports

OF THE

School Committee

and Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN of DOUGLAS



For the Year Ending

DECEMBER 31, 1939

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee submits the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1939.

The appropriations for the Schools amounted to \$38,000.00. We received the following reimbursements:

Massachusetts School Fund	\$ 4,487.76
Part I of Chapter 70 G. L.	5,820.00
Tuition of State Wards	147.84
Individuals	75.00
School Superintendent	769.59
	\$11,300.19

THIS REDUCES THE NET COST OF THE SCHOOLS TO \$26,699.81

EXPENDITURES OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT for the year ending December 31, 1939

GENERAL EXPENSES:

	Budget 1939	Expenditures	Estimate 1940
Clerk of School Committee	250.00	250.00	250.00
Misc. School Committee	50.00	81.52	100.00
Superintendent's Salary and Ex.....	1,600.00	1,621.94	1,600.00
	\$1,900.00	\$1,953.46	\$1,950.00

EXPENSES FOR INSTRUCTION:

Teachers' Salaries	22,450.00	22,309.86	23,100.00
Substitute Teacher's	150.00	226.00	200.00
Text Books, High	400.00	466.79	500.00
Text Books, Elementary	600.00	274.31	500.00
High School Supplies	600.00	461.22	650.00
Elementary Supplies	400.00	388.65	450.00
	\$24,600.00	\$24,126.83	\$25,400.00

EXPENSES FOR OPERATION:

Janitors' Salaries	3,030.00	3,076.00	3,080.00
Fuel, High	700.00	881.95	700.00
Fuel, Grammar	450.00	479.98	500.00
Fuel, D. C.	200.00	211.99	250.00
Lights and Power, High		183.84	180.00
Telephone, High		61.16	60.00
Janitor's Supplies, High		119.91	100.00
Water Dept. High	325.00	10.00	10.00
Lights & Power, Elementary		208.29	210.00
Telephone, Elementary		54.10	50.00
Janitor's Supplies, Elementary		116.92	100.00
Water Dept. Elementary		10.00	10.00
	\$5,030.00	\$5,414.14	\$5,250.00

MAINTENANCE—REPAIRS:

High School	600.00	527.89	600.00
Grammar Schools	800.00	1,146.65	600.00
	\$1,400.00	\$1,764.54	\$1,200.00

AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

Health, High		342.61	400.00
Health, Elementary	1,000.00	614.29	600.00
Transportation, High		607.47	
Transportation, Elementary	2,900.00	2,352.03	3,000.00
Tuition	670.00	392.41	500.00
Athletics	300.00	171.34	300.00
	\$4,870.00	\$4,480.15	\$4,800.00

INSURANCE	100.00	168.29	100.00
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NEW EQUIPMENT	100.00	182.50	300.00
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TOTALS	\$38,000.00	\$37,999.91	\$39,000.00
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BAYLIS G. ALDRICH, 1940

MARGARET CARRICK, 1940

*LILIAN G. CARPENTER, 1942

WARREN JOHNSON, 1942

ANDREW CENCAK, 1941

LOUIS CALLAHAN, 1941

*Deceased.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. B. GARCELON

PURCHASING AGENT

ANDREW CENCAK

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

PAUL RAWSON

ERWIN SMITH

E. L. WILLIAMS

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1939-1940

Fall Term—September 5, 1939 to December 22, 1939, 16 weeks.
 Winter Term—1st period—Jan. 2, 1940 to Feb. 16, 1940, 7 weeks.
 Winter Term—2nd period—Feb. 26, 1940 to April 12, 1940, 7 weeks.
 Spring Term—April 22, 1940 to June 14, 1940, 8 weeks.
 For High School—April 22, 1940 to June 21, 1940, 9 weeks.

VACATIONS

Thanksgiving recess—November 30, 1939.
 Christmas recess—December 23 to January 1, 1940, 1 week.
 Mid-winter vacation—February 17 to February 25, 1940.
 Spring Vacation—April 13, 1940 to April 21, 1940.

HOLIDAYS, 1940

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 1940.
 Washington's Birthday, Thursday, February 22, 1940.
 Good Friday, March 22, 1940.
 Patriot's Day, Friday, April 19, 1940.
 Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30, 1940.
 Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 1940.
 Columbus Day, Saturday, October 12, 1940.
 County Convention, Friday, November 1, 1940.
 Armistice Day, Monday, November 11, 1940.
 Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, 1940.
 Christmas, Wednesday, December 25, 1940.

1940-1941

Fall Term—September 4, 1940 to December 20, 1940, 16 weeks.
 Winter Term—1st period—Dec. 30, 1940 to Feb. 14, 1941, 7 weeks.
 Winter Term—2nd period—February 24, 1941 to April 11, 1941, 7 weeks.
 Spring Term—April 21, 1941 to June 13, 1941, 8 weeks.
 For High School April 21, 1941 to June 20, 1941, 9 weeks.

VACATIONS

Thanksgiving recess—November 28, 1940.
 Christmas recess, December 21, 1940 to December 30, 1940.
 Mid-winter vacation, February 14, 1941 to February 24, 1941.
 Spring vacation, April 12, 1941 to April 21, 1941.

HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 1941.
 Washington's Birthday, Saturday, February 22, 1941.
 Good Friday, Friday, April 11, 1941.
 Patriot's Day, Saturday, April 19, 1941.
 Memorial Day, Friday, May 30, 1941.
 Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 1941.
 Columbus Day, Sunday, October 12, 1941. No school October 13, 1941.
 County Convention, Friday, November 7, 1941.
 Armistice Day, Tuesday, November 11, 1941.
 Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27, 1941.
 Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, 1941.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Three blasts of the mill whistle at 7:30 A. M. closes all schools for the morning session. The same signal at 11:30 A. M. closes all schools for the afternoon session.

The same signal at 11:15 A. M., denotes that there will be one session. In case of one session all grades will close at 12:30 P. M.; except first grade which will close at noon.

If the whistle does not blow at 11:30 A. M. there will be school in the afternoon.

A. B. GARCELON,
 Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Douglas:

I herewith submit my twelfth annual report of the Town of Douglas, the same being the thirty-ninth superintendent's report for the Union.

The character of the work done in all the schools for the past year has been very satisfactory. The type and kind of work we have attempted to do, i. e. our regular school work, has been well done, but great problems have presented themselves. These problems are, to a large extent, in our high school.

During these past years of economic stress, with the resultant large amount of unemployment, a great many of our graduates of eighth grade have continued on into high school. These young people, under ordinary conditions would have gone to work. Therefore we have in our high school to-day, a number of pupils who are with us because it has been impossible for them to find employment, rather than because of their interest in the kind of work our high school offers.

In the past fifteen years our high school enrollment has increased almost three hundred per cent.

Of this increased enrollment a relatively large per cent are taking the commercial course. This is due to the fact that pupils find themselves in the position that they must take a course that leads to a job, and not because these pupils are qualified to take the course.

Investigation through a questionnaire to the high school pupils reveals the fact that many pupils want and need trade school courses. Our nearest Trade School is the Worcester Trade School. Here there are twelve hundred on the waiting list, which is not a very hopeful situation for those wanting trade school training.

To run trade school courses in our schools would be the complete answer to our problem, but the cost of so doing would be entirely out of the question.

The only thing for us to do is to think in terms of prevocational courses, which could be given by our regular teachers and at no increase in cost. Our manual training and home economics courses were discontinued several years ago; courses which I believe fulfill the needs and wants of a large number of our pupils, especially the girls, and which should be re-established as soon as funds are available.

Vocational guidance is a matter very much needed in all high schools, but very difficult of administration. However, last year we made a start by furnishing pupils with vocational monographs.

This year we have supplied more information along the lines of vocational guidance, as follows:

I. Vocational Trends: a monthly publication giving up-to-date information concerning different lines of employment: i. e. Today's News of Tomorrow's jobs.

II. "Occupational Monographs": a monthly pamphlet covering just one line of work. All information is new and up-to-date. So far this year we have received pamphlets on Statistical Workers, Land Transportation, Consumer Cooperation, Rural Journalism, Teaching, Printing, How to choose a Career, Highway Jobs, Advertising, The War, and American Jobs.

III. "Vocational Guide": a monthly pamphlet concerning Current Occupational Information in many (50 or more) fields of work.

IV. "Reprints and Abstracts" Service: a pamphlet giving excerpts from vocational sources of many kinds.

V. "Basic Occupational Plans": a pamphlet issued quarterly giving statistical data in the fundamental or basic industries.

VI. "Research Dept.": a pamphlet giving specific information concerning an inquiry sent in to the Science Research Associates.

VII. This is a limited service: i. e. we are privileged to ask for full information concerning a limited number of lines of work during the year. The results we receive as VI above.

To the above series we are soon to have 20 minute talks to our high school boys and girls, from the business men of Douglas. These talks will be informal, and will give advice and counsel to our pupils concerning the best procedure to follow to enter any given line of work.

While high school pupils have been receiving consideration in prevocational and vocational guidance, much has taken place in the grades. Here background courses have been worked out; courses which give our pupils information along important lines and yet not interfere with our fundamental courses. These background courses cover such subjects as Physical, Health, Thrift, Art, Character, Manners, Safety, and Science. In each of these subjects we have a book for each grade and all subjects will be introduced into each grade as soon as funds are available. At the present time, in these reading courses, Health, Safety and Science are being stressed.

Visual Education, a program we have long wanted to incorporate into our regular curriculum, is now possible through the purchase of a very fine Bell and Howell sound-on-film, projector. Definite yearly programs are now being made out, the films being carefully chosen to supplement the regular classroom work. While this program is still new, having been in operation but a few months, our pupils of all grades have received positive and definite benefits. For further data on prevocational and guidance courses, I refer you to the very fine report of Mr. Holmes.

Our boys athletic program, sponsored and directed by Mr. Clarence A. Gagne, has been very satisfactory and successful. For a school to put on an athletic program with little or no financial assistance from school funds is most certainly an accomplishment.

Girls' athletics this year is under the able direction of Miss Tabea Sweinberger, assisted by Miss Linnea Anderson. For the accomplishments in girls' athletics, I refer you to Miss Sweinberger's report.

Handwriting in the schools continues to be eminently satisfactory, as is shown by the report of Mr. W. L. Rinehart, our writing supervisor. Tests in handwriting resulted in very high scores, and yet this year's record is better than that of last year.

It is with pleasure that I refer you to the report of the School Nurse, Mrs. Mabel M. Brown. In this report you will notice that something is being done to correct the defects found in the physical examinations.

Our plan of school organization, with the first six grades in separate buildings and the last six grades in the high school, has proved very satisfactory. Our next step will be a program from 6-2-4 plan to a strictly 6-6 plan. This can easily be done, as all our pupils in sixth and seventh grades are now in the high school building.

In closing I wish to thank all those who have thoroughly and conscientiously helped me in all my efforts for advancement in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. GARCELON,
Superintendent of Schools.

AGE-GRADE TABLE

Total Number of Students Enrolled October 1, 1939—503

		BOYS																			Totals
Grade	Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20				
"	1	19	6															25			
"	2		10	11	5	1		1										28			
"	3		3	3	7	7	2											22			
"	4				10	11	3	1	2									27			
"	5					4	8	4	3	1	1							21			
"	6						7	10	6	4	2	1						30			
"	7							4	6	8	2	7						27			
"	8								9	4	7	4	1					25			
"	9									2	3	3	6	2				16			
"	10										5	5	3					13			
"	11											1	11	1	1			14			
"	12												3	6	2			11			
Totals		19	19	14	22	23	20	20	26	19	20	21	24	9	3			259			
		GIRLS																			
Grade	Age	18	6	3																	
"	1	18	6	3														27			
"	2	2	4	11	3													20			
"	3		1	7	16	1												25			
"	4				10	3	3											16			
"	5					8	14	3	3									28			
"	6						12	6	6	1		1						26			
"	7						12	4	1	1	1							19			
"	8							10	5	4	1	1						21			
"	9									4	12	4	1	1				22			
"	10										1	5	7	4				17			
"	11											7	4	2				13			
"	12												3	7				10			
Totals		20	11	21	29	12	41	23	15	11	19	20	12	10				244			

Attendance for the School Year Ending June, 1939

SCHOOL	TEACHERS	Enrollment	Under 5 years	5-7 years	7-14 years	14-16 years	Over 16 years	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Number of Tardiness	Number of Dismissals
High	Clarence W. Holmes.	30					30	29.93	28.55	95.38	129	55
Seniors	C. A. Gagne	21				5	16	21.24	20.47	96.37	70	11
Juniors	T. Sweinberger	32	10			22		31.14	29.62	95.07	77	8
Sophomores	L. Rinfrette	29				24	5	27.49	26.32	95.76	108	33
Freshmen	L. Anderson	29	17			11	1	26.64	25.36	95.18	185	19
Grade 8	Myra H. Jilison	45	35			10		42.85	41.62	97.13	51	3
" 7	Lola H. Dudley	22	8			12	2	21.68	20.79	95.79	48	0
" 7-8	Dorothy Scribner ..	45	37			8		42.95	42.21	98.30	24	17
Grammar 6	Eunice Buffington ..	47	45			2		47.10	45.94	97.54	35	13
" 5	Mary A. Joy	43	43					41.30	40.23	97.70	31	5
" 4	Elinor Dunleavy	35	35					34.72	33.77	97.25	8	12
" 3	Maria C. Buxton	31	23					31.36	30.48	97.03	19	0
" 2	Betsy Reid	26	8					25.11	24.93	95.61	12	0
" 1	Mollie Kelly	19	5					18.73	17.84	95.17	20	0
" 1-2	Daisy E. Sweet	23	10					22.92	20.79	90.74	1	8
" 1-2-3	Gertrude M. Smith...	28	26			1	1	24.11	22.01	91.25	13	2
" 4-5-6	Constance M. Callahan											
D.C.												
D.C.												

List of Teachers, January, 1940

NAME	SCHOOL	HOME ADDRESS	GRADUATE OF	When Appointed In Town
C. W. Holmes	High	East Douglas	Brown University	1918
Linnea Anderson	High	East Douglas	Boston University	1937
Clarence Gagne	High	East Douglas	Bay Path Institute	1931
Lena M. Rinfrette	High	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1938
Tabea Sweinberger	High	Holyoke	Mt. Holyoke College	1932
Myra Jillson	High	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1924
Lola Dudley	High	East Douglas	Boston Normal	1926
Constance M. Callahan	High	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1938
Eunice L. Buffington	Grammar,	East Douglas	Douglas High	1890
Simonne Bouvier	Grammar	Northbridge	Framing. & Wor. S. T. C.	1939
Mary A. Joy	Grammar,	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1928
Elinor Dunleavy	Grammar,	East Douglas	Boston University	1932
Maria C. Buxton	Grammar,	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1916
Alice Blanchfield	Grammar,	Easthampton	Worcester S. T. C.	1939
Mollie Kelly	Grammar,	East Douglas	Bridgewater S. T. C.	1908
Daisy E. Sweet	Grammar,	East Douglas	Douglas High	1916
Gertrude Smith	Douglas Center	Douglas	Symonds T. School	1900
Alice Samborsky	Douglas Center	East Douglas	Middlebury, Vt. High	1939
David Gellatly	Music Supervisor	Uxbridge	Worcester S. T. C.	1932
Frank O. Dodge	Band Instructor	Worcester	Atl. Associated Studios	1931
Howard C. Barre	Orchestra Instructor			1931
W. L. Rinehart	Writing Supervisor			1933

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. A. B. Garcelon,
Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my twenty-second annual report as principal of Douglas Memorial High School.

Our enrollment at present includes 20 Seniors, 24 Juniors, 32 Sophomores and 38 Freshmen, a total of 114.

In the attempt to evaluate the work of the high school in terms of what we are doing to meet the apparent educational needs of its members, let us study the following figures.

The enrollment in the various subjects or groups of subjects is as follows:

English, 114	French, 50
Mathematics, 42	Commercial Subjects, 100
Physics, 18	Industrial Geography, 19
History, 53	General Science, 26
Latin, 20	

Thirty-six students are taking the so-called "Classical Course," selecting subjects from the first six named above. Few of these will reach college. At present only eleven of them have made the college certificate grade in all their subjects. Five or six more may make the grade before they graduate, but probably not a dozen in all will go to college in the next four years.

The fact that only a few of these students will reach college, however, does not mean, to my mind, that they are wasting their time in the above-named studies, nor that the town is wasting money on their training in these subjects. So long as we can prove by records of our graduates who have gone to college that the teaching of these subjects is honest and skillful, I believe that there are immeasurable values in them for those who pursue them and yet do not go to college. There are no more valuable pre-vocational courses than some of the college-preparatory subjects, for those who can do them, and will work hard enough to pass them, even if they do not make college certificate grade. College preparatory mathematics affords indispensable training for many courses in trade school. Some of it is required for admission to such part-time schools as the Lynn General Electric apprentice shops. In physics and chemistry, college requirements emphasize practical applications in a great many life situations, in health, in the home environment, and in industry. College preparatory English emphasizes the kind of practical English needed in the every-day affairs of the business office and the management of industry. Even Latin is pre-vocational for girls who wish to prepare to teach or train for the nursing profession.

Sixty-one students are taking what we call the commercial course, that is, at least two commercial subjects. Nearly 100, therefore, are enrolled in these two courses, the classical and the commercial. The remaining small group are taking the "General Course," which consists of subjects selected from the commercial and the "Classical" curriculum, with the addition of industrial geography, general science, and problems of democracy. The students in this group are mostly those who start with the classical course, fail in that, and then have to make up their courses from the commercial list and the meager offerings outside the two principal lists. These people, together with a few from both the commercial and classical groups, constitute the chief problems in the school because of the lack of manual arts courses. Although they are a small group, the cost of equipment and teaching that would do much towards meeting their needs is at present prohibitive. The solution of the problem of the ill-adjusted pupil of the "General Course," who needs more "pre-vocational" work in school, is the trade school. Here the State, I believe, will come to the rescue of the small towns in the future, providing more accommodations in the way of trade schools in the larger towns, and perhaps helping pay tuition and transportation of pupils who have to go out of town to get the kind of schooling that they need. At present the Worcester trade schools can hardly take care of needs within the city itself.

We are trying to do more each year towards vocational guidance. Of course, any live teacher always did what one could, in the hurried, informal way that time would allow, to help a student choose a career or an occupation, if one seemed to have reached the degree of maturity required to think ahead of his high school days. For many years in this school the principal has had a questionnaire answered by each pupil annually to indicate choice of occupation, if possible, as well as educational intentions after high school. The results, from the few who expressed any choice or ambition to go further than high school, were put on record.

Within the past two years about twenty "Vocational Guidance" or occupational "monographs" on as many different occupations have been added to our meager stock of school library books, and one or more of each of these occupational pamphlets have been eagerly read by nearly every pupil in the school.

This year we have begun a program along more professional lines in the direction of vocational guidance. A more comprehensive questionnaire was given each pupil to ascertain his intentions as to further education after high school, his chief interests in life, his favorite studies, etc. The most significant of the 2000 or more replies received were tabulated by the principal. Some interesting results follow, showing the number of students intending to continue their education in various types of higher institutions:

College (traditional type, engineering, or teachers' college), 13
Business college, 19

Trade school, 17
Hospital training, 13
Other institutions, 15

Many students expressed a variety of occupational interests in life not indicated in the tabulation above. As to avocational interests, a deplorably small number seem interested in reading, only 26, mostly girls. Only 22, again, mostly girls, name music as a "chief interest."

As to favorite studies named, the following is a partial list giving the number of students after each subject named as first choice:

Mathematics, 20

Commercial subjects, 20

English, 16

Science, 16

The next step in the vocational guidance procedure consists in administering a variety of standard tests to ascertain the special aptitudes, capacities and abilities of each pupil, such as tests on general intelligence, mechanical aptitudes, clerical abilities, etc. The faculty are then in possession of data which will enable them, so far as time will allow, to interview each student and advise him as to his chances of success in the direction of his expressed ambition, or to arouse ambition, if none has hitherto been evident, and stimulate effort toward appropriate goals.

A very great aid in this vital work of guidance, as well as in the regular studies, will be the new projector recently installed in the school system. For this we are indebted, first, to the efforts of the Teachers' Club under the leadership of its president, Miss Tabea Sweinberger. The Club raised money to contribute towards the purchase of the machine, thus arousing interest, and the School Board soon followed with an appropriation to cover the cost of the projector and accessories, enabling the Club to use its fund for rental of films.

Mr. Gagne deserves much credit from the fact that at the beginning of the school year he was the only teacher in town who could operate the projector, and also for his work in teaching others to operate it. Under his instruction three of our Seniors, Richard Bruno, Albert Frost, and Stephen Limanek, were next to qualify as operators, and they have served admirably in presenting many films in the high school and in the grades. Several teachers in each building in the village have now learned to run the machine.

Under the auspices of the Teachers' Club contracts have been signed with two distributing agencies, Westcott, Slade & Balcom of Providence, and The Patheoscope Company of Boston, for the rental of films, arranging for a definite visual education program extending at least until next Christmas.

I wish to express my deep appreciation of the efficient and constant co-operation of all teachers in the building in our endeavors to maintain and improve the standing of our high school.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HOLMES,
Principal.

REPORT OF ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Mr. A. B. Garcelon,
Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my ninth annual report as Director of Athletics in the Douglas High School.

The past year has been filled with quite varied results, most of them favorable however. For the second consecutive year we have carried on the program for boys without any financial aid from the school fund. This is particularly pleasing for it shows that our efforts for the past several years are bringing results. It has only been possible because of the continued hard work of the student body and the fine co-operation of the athletically minded citizens.

Basketball returned as a varsity sport and the success of the team was marked by an invitation to the Worcester County Tournament. This opportunity to meet the best teams in the county came as a result of the splendid showing made by our boys against some of the largest schools in the vicinity. The lack of proper home facilities was easily seen and this proved a severe handicap when playing under good conditions. That they did so well, is a tribute to the boys themselves. At the start of the present season, four schools refused to meet Douglas only because of the lack of better facilities.

In the spring, Douglas regained its place as a leader on the baseball field. Spurred on by a gift of jackets from Mr. Winfield Schuster and the local Kiwanis Club and particularly by the continued enthusiasm and encouragement from Mr. Schuster, the boys succeeded in defeating every team in the league at least once, to finish in third place only one game behind the championship school.

The only disappointing activity proved to be football. It is quite agreed that the school is small to sponsor such an activity. Records received from the Boston Herald show that only two other schools in the State playing football have a smaller number of boys. Officials in nearby schools often comment on the marked success of our teams against its much larger opponents. Nineteen boys reported for the team in the fall. Four were lost early in the season due to injuries and two others became ineligible due to scholastic difficulties. At that point it was agreed by the faculty management as well as the Board that it was inadvisable to continue this sport with only thirteen boys remaining. All the boys who were injured have recovered and two boys who were covered under the insurance plan are expected to receive benefits.

The outlook for the future is particularly pleasant. Financially we hope

to pay our way. The basketball team shows promise and is certainly deserving of better facilities. Baseball is again of a "championship" form and the fewer victories are due only to the fact that the competition is from schools out of our class, that is having enrollments of more than twice the size of Douglas.

I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to you, to the members of the school committee, to Mr. Holmes, as well as to our many other friends who helped so generously during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. GAGNÉ,
Director of Athletics.

REPORT OF GIRLS' ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Mr. A. B. Garcelon,
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Garcelon:

I am pleased to report on girls' athletics in the Douglas Memorial High School for the present school year. The program of sports at present consists of field hockey in the fall and basketball in the winter.

The field hockey season of 1939 was successful and enjoyable. Approximately fifty girls participated. The varsity team of high school girls played five games with teams of neighboring towns; the Douglas girls won four games and lost one. Two teams, composed of seventh and eighth grade players, also played inter-class games.

Basketball practise, under the able coaching of Miss Linnea Anderson, is now being held twice a week at the Sokol gymnasium. To date, one game has been played, against Uxbridge. The girls of the Douglas High School won that game. The schedule for the remainder of the basketball season consists of five more games. About thirty-five girls are taking part in this sport.

In both sports the girls have shown splendid spirit and good team play. Pauline Bruno, a veteran player and a post graduate scholar, has given valuable assistance as manager of the varsity hockey team and of the varsity basketball team.

Respectfully submitted,

TABEA SWEINBERGER.

Girls' Athletic Director.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Mr. A. B. Garcelon,
Superintendent of Schools,
East Douglas, Mass.

Dear Mr. Garcelon,

I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1939.

In April, the Operetta "The Three Bears" was presented by pupils of the Grammar School, and in May, the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades, and High School also gave an Operetta, "The Maid with the Golden Slipper."

On May 30th, a patriotic program was given on the grounds of the Grammar School. Several instrumental selections were offered, and the children marched to music provided by a small bugle and drum corps made up of pupils of the school.

At the Graduation Exercises, the senior class sang the following choruses: America, Beloved Land—Adams; Waltz of the Flowers—Tschaikowski; Italian Street Song—Victor Herbert.

The singing and note reading is good throughout the grades and in High School, and I am gratified to find that there is an increasing appreciation of the good things in music shown by all of the pupils.

I wish to thank you, Mr. Garcelon, the school committee, the teachers and principals for the co-operation given to me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID N. GELLATLY,
Music Supervisor.

REPORT OF TEACHER OF STRING INSTRUMENTS

Mr. A. B. Garcelon,
 Superintendent of Schools,
 East Douglas, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Garcelon:

I herewith submit my report as instructor of string instruments in the East Douglas schools.

There are eight children studying violin, two guitars, one ukulele and five accordin, many of whom are beginners this year. Some of these pupils have shown unusual talent.

The attendance has been very good and the interest shown by the pupils is very gratifying.

I give each pupil special studies and short exercises for the development of tone and technique every week.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, Mr. Garcelon, and all the teachers for their interest and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD C. BARRE.

REPORT OF TEACHER OF BRASS AND WIND INSTRUMENTS

Mr. A. B. Garcelon,
Superintendent of Schools,
East Douglas, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Garcelon,

I herewith submit my ninth annual report of the pupils studying wind and percussion instruments in the Schools of Douglas.

Last year there were 49 studying and this year there is an increase of seven, making a total of 56. There are four on Clarinet, eleven on Trumpets, three on Trombones, two on Saxophones, fourteen on Piccolo recorders, one on Baritone, one on Bass, and twenty on Drums.

I am very much pleased with the progress each and every one of the pupils have made during the past year and the interest they have shown.

I wish to thank you, Mr. Garcelon, the School Committee, the Principals and the teachers for the interest they have shown.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK O. DODGE,
Teacher of Brass and Wind Instruments.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF WRITING

January 2, 1940.

Mr. A. B. Garcelon, Supt.
Douglas Public Schools,
Douglas, Mass.

My dear Mr. Garcelon:

I am pleased to report continued progress in the development of our Handwriting program in the Douglas schools. We have many school systems under our supervision and it may interest you to know that we rate the Douglas schools among the best. We find school morale unusually high and the co-operation of your pupils and teachers leaves nothing to be desired.

Your high school did especially well last year and ranked second on our list of high schools with the high average of 89.6% scoring Excellent on the tests. This was an increase of 3% over the preceding year. For this achievement, your high school was awarded a blue ribbon at the close of the school term.

The achievement of the elementary schools was very satisfactory. The average number of Excellent papers increased from 69.9% in 1938 to 80.5% in 1939.

A total of 3573 formal test papers were graded during the year and these grades and a diagnosis of each pupil's work were returned to the teachers. A total of 11,000 samples of informal writing were graded in the class rooms. Handwriting certificates were awarded to nearly all of the eighth grade and senior high school students.

During the school year, we supplied pupils and teachers with the necessary outlines, scales, room certificates, junior and senior high school individual certificates for graduates, achievement charts, diagnostic charts, etc. Classrooms were visited monthly for the purpose of placing new units of instruction on the blackboards, and for the grading of informal handwriting. A diagnosis of the handwriting of each pupil was sent to your teachers each month for remedial instruction.

We appreciate greatly the fine co-operation you have given in this work.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. RINEHART.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Albert B. Garcelon,
Superintendent of Schools,
East Douglas, Mass.

My dear Mr. Garcelon:

It is with pleasure that I herewith submit my first report as school nurse in the Town of Douglas from September 1939 to and including December 1939.

The objectives of school nursing compiled by the National Organization for Public Health Nursing and recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, are the following:

1. To assist in communicable disease control by the recognition of early symptoms and by securing immunization.
2. To assist the physician in medical inspection and in the routine periodic physical examination of every school child.
3. To assist in securing the correction of defects and in promoting health.
4. To assist in securing special examinations and such follow-ups as is necessary.
5. To participate in the promotion of hygiene and sanitation of the school plant.
6. To assist in securing proper instruction of pupils and parents in the principles of healthy living.
7. To provide or supervise adequate nursing care to all sick children.

As school nurse, these objectives are my objectives. To act as interpreter between home and school, seems to me to be very important. Since September, 95 home visits have been made.

Following the physical examinations by school physician, Dr. Spooner, a form for each room has been completed with each pupil's name and the physical defects listed, and the degree of defect so that the teacher and nurse may discuss the physical handicaps.

During the last four months of the year, a total of 12 pupils have had tonsillectomy, and adenoidectomy operations at the Milford Hospital.

Five pupils have had their eyes examined by an ophthalmologist, and eye specialist, and have been fitted for glasses, and four pupils have been taken to the County Sanatorium at West Boylston for chest X-Rays. These cases were considered emergencies at the time of X-Rays. A definite date has not

been arranged for the Preventive Tuberculosis Program which will include examination and X-Ray of 7th, 9th, and 11th grades, but it is partially planned for the month of April.

The dental clinic was resumed the latter part of October under the direction of the Department of Education, and Dr. Lloyd Blanchard, school dentist.

Report of dental clinic — October 17, and 24.

No. Examined by school dentist	414
No. found to have perfect condition of teeth	76
No. of pupils with dentistry completed since Nov. 7th, the first clinic date, through Dec. 19th	78

Out of a total enrollment of 516, the parents of 414 pupils showed their interest in the condition of their children's teeth by signing request slips requesting the dentist to examine his child's teeth. This is most gratifying for dental education is coming to the foreground. At this time it is not possible to give the number of pupils receiving dental care from their own dentist. The clinic thus far has been self-supporting.

Five children whose nutrition standard is below average are receiving milk at school, and two are being supplied with cod liver oil, financed by the local Red Cross Chapter.

Eight public health meetings have been attended.

We are grateful to the American Red Cross for financial assistance in the correction of defects, securing clothing for some of the under-privileged and for the Motor Corps which was formed to assist the Nurse in transporting pupils to and from clinic. We are grateful for the interest and support of the Kiwanis Club, as they have made known their desire to assist us in a material way to meet some of the problems which are facing us.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, Mr. Garcelon, the school committee, teachers, Dr. Blanchard, Dr. Spooner, and parents for the co-operation and support given me.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) MABEL M. BROWN, R.N.
School Nurse.

Mr. A. B. Garcelon,
Superintendent of Schools,
Douglas, Mass.

My dear Mr. Garcelon:

I herewith submit my report as school nurse from January to June 1939.

The dental clinic began in December 1938, was carried on successfully until the end of the school year. At the end of that time 131 pupils were given certificates for perfect condition of teeth. The Child Health Association sponsored a "cleaning day" on May 25th. 37 children, who had attended the school clinic, had their teeth thoroughly cleaned. The second grade, Miss Reid, teacher, won the contest conducted by the C. H. A. for highest percentage of dental corrections and were guests at a picnic given at the home of Mrs. Cornelius Callahan. I wish to thank the C. H. A. and Dr. Blanchard for their splendid support of the clinic.

A Well Child Conference was held for five days in April. This was conducted by the Department of Public Health, under the auspices of the Child Health Association. 91 children, between the ages of 6 months and 5 years attended and were given complete examinations. The purpose of the conference is to discover and correct defects before the child enters schools. In this way the health personnel will have more time to concentrate on health education and prevention of defects.

Dr. Spooner conducted the pre-school clinic at the town hall in June. Children eligible to enter school in September were given physical examinations and vaccinated. A clinic was also held for immunization against diphtheria. This was conducted by the District Health Officer and 60 children were given the three doses of anti-toxin which provide complete protection against diphtheria. A posture clinic was begun in May, but due to the large number of children to be examined and the limited time, not much could be accomplished. Dr. Charles Ayers of Worcester generously donated his recommending treatment.

During the winter and spring terms one child was given milk and cod liver oil by the C.H.A. Another child was given milk through funds made available by the Salvation Army. In both cases, the respective teachers very kindly assisted. During the spring term the Red Cross financed four tonsillectomies performed at the Milford Hospital. We are very fortunate to have all the organizations working for the health of the community.

In closing, I wish to thank the school committee, the teachers and parents, the superintendent and the various organizations whose co-operation has made it a pleasure to serve as school nurse during the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) ESTHER JOHNSON, R.N.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Number of cases investigated	38
Number absent on account of sickness	24
Number absent on account of truancy	0
Number absent for other causes	14
Number brought back	38

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES

Issued January 1, 1939 to January 1, 1940

Number of Persons Issued Certificates		Number of Certificates Issued	
Educational Literate	67	Educational	75
Educational Illiterate	0	Educational Illiterate	0
Special Home Permits	0	Special Home Permits	0
67		75	

Mr. E. L. Williams has been appointed by the Superintendent of Schools to issue certificates and these may be obtained by those entitled to them by making application to Mr. Williams.

E. L. WILLIAMS,
PAUL F. RAWSON,
Attendance Officers.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT

Assessed Valuation, taken from State Report	\$2,045,339
Population, Census of 1935	2403
Number of Persons in Town between 5 and 16 years of age, October 1, 1939—Boys: 237; Girls: 231	468
Number of Persons between 5 and 6 years of age—Boys: 38; Girls: 31	69
Number of Persons between 7 and 13 years of age—Boys: 157; Girls: 160	317
Number of Persons between 14 and 15 years of age—Boys: 42; Girls: 40	82
Total Enrollment in all Public Schools During School Year ending June 23, 1939	505
Average Membership for School Year	489
Average Attendance for School Year	471
Percent of Attendance	95.7
Number of School Buildings in Use	3
Number of Teachers Required by the Public Schools	18
Number of Special Teachers	4
Number of Teachers Graduated from College	5
Number of Teachers Graduated from Normal School	10
Number of Weeks High School was in Session	39
Number of Weeks Grammar School was in Session	38
Number of Pupils Graduated from High School, 1939	30
Number of Pupils Graduated from Grammar School, 1939	44

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Monday, February 12, 1940, 8.00 A.M.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DOUGLAS

Worcester, ss.

To any Constable of the Town of Douglas in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of said Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Douglas who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Douglas, on Monday the twelfth day of February, 1940 A. D. at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, Two Constables, an Agent of the Moses Wallis Devise, a Tree Warden, each for a term of one year; one member of the School Committee for a term of two years to fill a vacancy; one Selectman, one Assessor, one member of the Board of Public Welfare, one Water Commissioner, two members of the School Committee, one Trustee of the Simon Fairfield Public Library, one Cemetery Commissioner, each for a term of three years, all of the above Town Officers to be voted for on one ballot.

Article 2. To choose all other Town Officers for a term of one year.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, or of any outstanding Committee, and to choose any Committee or Committees the Town may think proper.

Article 4. To hear and act upon the report and recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Article 5. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year of 1940.

Article 6. To fix the salaries or compensation of Town Officers.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the

sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to defray the expense of the Town's Share of the W. P. A. Projects carried on in the Town during the current year.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Board of Selectmen to petition the Division of Highways, Public Works Department, under Chapter 90, Section 34, General Laws for aid in the improvement of some through way and raise and appropriate money therefor or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Board of Selectmen to petition the State Highway Commission, under Chapter 81, Section 26 of the General Laws for the improvement of Town Ways and raise and appropriate money therefor or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Board of Selectmen to petition the Division of Highways, Public Works Department under Chapter 90, Section 34, General Laws for aid in the maintenance of Chapter 90 highways and raise and appropriate money therefor or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year beginning January 1, 1940, to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, General Laws, Chapter 44.

Article 12. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Blanket Insurance (so-called) now in force on the Town's Property, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote a sum of money for the rent of quarters for the Michael Carter Post, American Legion.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote a sum of money for the upkeep of the Town Clock (so-called).

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to have a Reserve Fund.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Thirteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,300.00) from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Fund, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) from the Water Department Surplus to the Reserve Fund or take any other action pertaining thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) for the Reserve Fund.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) from the Machinery Rentals Account to the Machinery Maintenance Fund.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for General Highway Insurance or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) from the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Account to the General Highway Insurance Account.

Article 24. To raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve hundred and fifty-three Dollars and forty-five cents (\$1,253.45) to satisfy a judgment and costs of Daniels vs. the Town of Douglas.

Article 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Assessors to use any Free Cash in the hands of the Town Treasurer to reduce the Tax Levy in 1940.

Article 26. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to dispose of any of the Real Estate held by the Town by Foreclosure of Tax Titles and authorize and empower its Treasurer to give a deed of the same in the name and behalf of the Town, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to have valuation lists printed this year and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Article 28. To see if the Town will assume liability in the manner provided by section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws and Chapter 513 of the Acts of 1939, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts in rivers and streams of the town in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter 513, and authorized the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth.

Articles 29 and 30 are entered by request of ten citizens.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to extend the Town Water System on said Martin Road in Douglas in order that water is available to all residents and lot owners abutting this road, and to raise and appropriate money therefor or to take any other action relating thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to install at least three (3) additional street lights on said Martin Road and to raise and appropriate money therefor or to take any other action relating thereto.

Article 31. To transact any other business that may legally come before the said meeting.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Commission as provided under Chapter 45, Section 14 of the General Laws, the same to be elected on a ballot at the next annual Town Meeting.

THE POLLS MAY CLOSE AT FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office at East Douglas and at the store, formerly the Post Office, at Douglas, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this THIRD day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty.

WINFIELD A. SCHUSTER
FRANK E. JONES
PAUL D. MANNING

Selectmen of Douglas.

A true copy, Attest:

JOSEPH M. KOSTKA,
Constable of Douglas.

February 5, 1940.

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